THE TIMES

A ghost garden. by Frank Tuohy: Saturday Review,

4,000 car men tell minister to end pay restraint

t four thousand British Leyland demonrs greeted Mr Varley, Secretary of State dustry, with roars of "No more restrictions y", when he visited the company's Long-; plant yesterday to plead for higher ts and productivity. Almost 15,000 of the

company's workers are idle because of disputes (details, page 17). Shop stewards replied to the minister's appeal with demands for free bargaining on pay. Fears of a government-union confrontation are believed to have caused a fall of nearly half a cent in the pound to \$1.7120.

Stewards resist Leyland productivity call

aley, Secretary of State stry, went to British s strike-affected Longar plant in Birmingham y to tell workers of ent need for fewer nd more cars. He found the focus of a mass ation against any of the pay policy. four thousand workers tools at 9.30 am and behind banners to It was a move care-panized and timed by wards, some with loud-

uley's convoy, includice escort, slipped into factory complex by entrance. But the had expected that, shalled the demonstrass the entrance to the 1 hall, where the was to be in the chair meeting with shop

: greeted with roars of e restrictions on pay ". Jones, of the transport union, and Mr Hugh of the engineering walked through the oured crowd, acknowriends with smiles and i conversation. the hall the scene was

ore orderly. About stewards from most of Leyland plants were gathered en discussion with Mr. Mr Alex Park, chief of British Leyland, : Whittaker, managing of Leyland Cars, Mr Mr Scanlon, all mem-ne Tripartite Commitie Motor Industry. the organization set Varley last year to ion leaders and motor

committee was seeking to increase car exports this year by a fifth. To achieve that, production had to be lifted from 1.3 million cars to 1.5 million.

The committee also wanted productivity to improve from the present six to seven cars a man-year to the 12 cars regularly produced by Continuous communications of the continuous communications of the continuous communication of the communication tinental competitors. Mr Whittaker set out details

of the latest crisis facing Lev-land Cars with so many of its factories shut by strikes and dealers crying out for supplies.

But when questions were invited it was obvious that the shop stewards had not come to be lectured. One after another they beat the drum for a return to free collective bargaining in August as the answer to Ley-land's ailments. They were taken aback when

Mr Scanlon said they were being naive to suggest, as many had, that the present outbreek of strikes was caused entirely by unrest over the pay policy. The committee would be wasting its time if it had come to Longbridge only to hear complaints about the national pay

When finally the meeting got down to discussing Leyland's troubles, shop stewards made some harsh comments on the shortcomings of management.

They also urged the company introduce an incentive scheme covering un to a quarter of the workers' wage packets. They suggested that that would provide the stimulus to lift production, which has fallen off since the traditional Midlands piecework system was replaced by standard-day work.
At a press conference later

Mr Varley spelt out the difficulties facing the motor Government and trade unions taken."

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Asked who the enemies were, he quoted speeches by Conservative politicians urging that British Leyland should be broken up and the unprofitable parts sold off.

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although the Government
wanted an orderly return eventually to free collective bargaining on wages there was no desire for a wage explosion (the Press Association reports).

"Nobody wants to get back to confetti money", he said.

The pay question had been raised with force at the meeting and he promised that the

ing, and he promised that the stewards' views would be taken into account in the general approach the Government was making. The Government knew that there were difficulties involved in the policy that would demand flexibility if they were

to be overcome.

Mr Scanlon said there was not the slightest doubt that Leyland workers were dissatisfied with the present pay policy and, to some extent, with the pay structures within the company.

Later, in a EBC television interview, he said a further agreement on incomes restraint was possible but whether it was desirable was a matter for discussion. Mr Derek Robinson, chair-

man of the Lecland shop stewards, said: "One message that was very clear is that the social contract is not going to be accepted by the workforce. We must have the ability to negotiute out of the present anom-

" if the Government takes no notice, or insists on being able to impose a further period of legislation, it will be counterIt was the stewards' intention

calling for an end to the social

contract.
British Aircraft Corporation shop stewards, representing 16,000 hourly paid workers, said they were opposed to further wage restraint since the present policy has clearly demonstrated its inability to maintain or enhance our members' standard of living "

London Transport Under-ground depot shop stewards, representing about three hundred engineering workers, said they were not prepared to wait until the end of the pay policy in July.
They want an immediate end

to the social contract. "We are under considerable pressure from members who are not pre-pared to wait", one said. "Our wages have, in purchasing power, been eroded by about 25 per cent since March, 1970."

Case for tax cuts, page 3

Pound falls by almost $\frac{1}{2}$ cent

Concern about a possible confrontation between the Government and the trade unions over the next phase of the income policy is thought to have caused yesterday's fall in the value of the pound on foreign exchange markets. It closed at \$1.7120, nearly half a cent down

Its effective devaluation against other leading currencies chiefs to maintain many enemies of British Lev- productive, and certainly within England is believed to have antact with each other. Land who want to see it fail, British Leyland we are likely intervened to slow the fall.

three children. His eldest son

Dr Parved Ahmed, himself a



A Basset hound seems resigned to a long wait at Crufts Dog Show, which opened at Olympia, London, yesterday.

Syrian troops to leave Israel border area

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, Feb 11 Mr. Rabin, the Israeli Prime

Minister, announced today that an agreement for the with-drawal of Syrian troops from the border area of southern Lebanen had been reached. The pull-back negotiated sence through United States mediation, would be carried out at the

of State. The border area was reported to be quiet today after yester-day's clashes between Palestinians and Christian Phalan-

gists. Robert Fisk writes from Aishive, southern Lebanon: The Syrian Army has only about 10 tanks and 400 men within 20 miles of the Israeli frontier. Eight of the tanks can be seen clearly from the winding mountainous road leading from Jezzine through Aishiye down to Nabatea; parked in fields or on the hillsides.

It would probably take less than 12 hours for every Syrian soldier in the area to effect a limited withdrawal.

The few hundred troops stationed at the road junctions on the cloud-covered hillsides question every motorist who attempt to build fortifications or otherwise reinforce their positions.

Since the frontier is known

to be under surveillance by both satellite observation and high flying Israeli aircraft, the Government in Tel Aviv must be aware of just how few troops there are in the moun-Obituary, page 14 tains across their border.

Down here in the foothills, where peasants still travel by donkey between villages and where the passage of a Syrian Army vehicle is still a com-paratively-rare event, it is difficult to see why the Israelis should suggest that the pre-sence of the Syrian Army might necessitate military

beginning of next week before

A lieutenant at the Syrian
the arrival on Tuesday of Mr checkpoint just outside Nabatea said that Israeli aircraft passed overhead several times since they arrived 14 days ago. He said that his instructions were to prevent the movement of weapons, although his men seemed friendly enough when a carload of Palestinian guerrillas carrying Russian rifles drove down the road. They were going to allow the car to pass un-checked until they realized a journalist was watching them. They stopped the car, took

the rifles from the smiling pas-sengers and asked for identity papers. They were handed two pink sheets of paper by the Palestinians, but after reading them the Syrians immediately gave back the guns.

Apart from their tanks, the nly Syriau heavy weapons thin miles are several within miles are several batteries of anti-aircraft guns but they are mounted behind lezzine round the reservou that draws its waters from the Eissry river. The gins are still covered with tarpaulins to protect them from the snow, and the defence of a reservoir more than 20 miles from the target from Israeli frontier could scarcely present a military threat.

Vance interview and Beirut fighting, page 3

Religious rioting reported in Iraqi towns

Damascus, Feb 11.—Large-scale riots have taken place in several towns in Iraq, including Mosul, in the north, and Karbala, south of Baghdad, according to reports reaching here Karbala is the site of one of the holiest Shifte Muslim

shrines. "Iraq has closed its border with Syria to prevent news of the upheaval and the crimes its rulers are committing against lraqi nationals from reaching the ontside world ". Al Thoura. the semi-official Syrian news-

paper added. Yesterday the Iraq Ministry of the Interior announced that a Syrian agent had tried to, blow up the shrine in Karbala at the height of a pilgrimage by Shiite Muslims. Baghdad : The Irao Government denied it had closed its borders.

-Reuter. Leading article, page 13

Sri Lanka to lift emergency.

Colombo, Feb 11.—The six-year-old state of emergency in Sri Lanka will be lifted next week. Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, the Prime Minister, said today when explaining to MPs of her Sri Lanka Freedom Party why she suddenly adjourned Parlia-ment yesterday.

The adjournment to May 19 postpones a no-confidence vote in the Government's handling of widespread strikes last month Elections are due later this year.—AP.

Raid on Madrid kidnap hideout frees two top Spanish officials

Madrid, Feb 11
Two top Spanish officials held captive by the Grapo guerrilla group were snatched from the hands of their kidnappers today when police raided the gang's when police raided the gang's hideout in Madrid. A Government spokesman said the police had made "important" arrests in the case.

In a day of spectacular police

In a day of spectacular police action, a police inspector was shot dead in Barcelona while trying to arrest two members of the Reconstituted Spanish Communist Party, and another policeman was injured. The raid was believed to be in connexion with the hunt for the kidnappers.

First of the kidnap victims to be freed was Lieutenant General Emilio Villaescusa, president of Spain's highest military court who had been kidnapped outside his home 18 days ago. The initial reports said he was in good condition. Shortly afterwards, Señor Antonio Maria de Oriol, presi-dent of the Council of State and a member of the powerful Council of the Realm, was rescued. A wealthy banker, he had been marched from his office in the capital at gun-

point by a gang of young men on December 11. An organization calling itself the First of October Anti-Fascist Resistance Groups (Grapo) claimed responsibility for both kidnappings as well as for the murder of three police-

men on January 28.

Informed sources say the case

Appeal judgments in the South African mail boycott case, it

The appeal judges appeared to take away the fundamental right of members of our union

to take industrial action, put-

ting the clock back over a hundred years. Mr Bryan Stanley, the union's general secretary, said.

The union also decided ves-terday to "ask the Prime

Minister for urgent talks be-cause the Appeal Court judg-

ment appeared to take away much of the protection for all

Labour Government." It is to approach the TUC for its

Airport strike

to end tonight

From Our Correspondent

Glasgow airport, which has

been closed to passenger traffic since last Saturday because of an unofficial strike by 36 fire-

men, is due to reopen tonight.

The men have been demanding

After negotiations between

the British Airports Authority and the Transport and General

Workers' Union, the men agreed to return pending an investigation by the Fire Ser-vices Standing Committee under

increased manning levels.

an independent chairman.

aged to capture two members of Grapo and got them to

or Grapo and got them to confess.

From an early report it appears that the police swooped on a hideout in the Madrid suburb of Alcorco, not far from where a member of the Civil Guard was killed at the end of Innuary.

January.
The apparently successful attack on the Grapo hideout by a decree banning the pub-lication in the news media of any information related to the police search for terrorists. It now seems that the news blackout may have been intended to stop plans for the swoop on the kidnoppers' lair from leaking

Madrid, Feb 11.—General Villaescusa, who is 64, suffers from a heart condition and was taken to a military hospital immediately after his rescue.

Four people alleged to belong to a group closely linked with

Grapo were arrested last week and two days later police found more than 200 sticks of dyna-mite in a left-luggage locker in a Madrid railway station.

Grapo first came to light in July, 1976, when it claimed responsibility for a wave of bombings on official monu-ments and buildings. It said it took its name from its first action, on October 1, 1975, when it killed four policemen.

Political time bomb and photographs, page 3

Union will Sir Harold appeal to refers to Mr Haines's the Lords The Post Office Engineering Union is to appeal to the House ot Lords against the Court of

Sir Harold Wilson said last night that he never suspected Mr Joe Haines of saving "tit-bits" while he was his press bits" while he was his press secretary. He was speaking after a visic with his wife to the London home of Lady Falkender.

Falkender.

"I have always been loyal to the people I have ropointed". Sir Harold said.

"Perhaps I have not always appointed the right people."

Asked what he felt about für Haines, he said: "I hope ho is very happy".

His full answer to the allega-His full answer to the allega-

tions made in Mr Haines's trade unionists provided by the memoirs would be "in the words of my old Yorkshire grandfather, not one lie in a hundred true". They would make an impression, he said, only on people daft enough to believe them. He said later: "I have been

waiting to comment on them, but now I have been invited to go on ITN early next week. I will save what I have to say for that." He did not claim that every

memory of Mr Haines was false. "Bits here and bits there "were accurate, he said. Mr Donald Trelford, editor of The Observer, said last night that Lady Falkender would be responding to Mr Haines's allegations in two articles in the paper, the first appearing to-morrow. At her request there was no fee for the articles

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easury said yesterday 's counting as real in public spending tal security £18m; ial security £18m; icensing and testing neorde and other airstance £9m; agricul-idies £5m; assistance ilding and coal indusand other miscel-tems £17m. That items £17m ntal of £70m. Esti-:upplementary

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ment and state assemblies. elections due on March 16.

of a heart attack. He was 72. Mr E. D. Jatti, the Vice-

President, has been sworn in as acting President. Under the constitution, a new president has to be elected within six months by Members of Parlia-There will be no change in

said

the schedule for the general

~a great India gentleman and a great Muslim" had passed away.



Mrs Gandhi greeting Mr B. D. Jatti after he as acting President vesterday.

A state of mourning has been declared for 13 days. Mr Ahmed will be buried in Delhi on

Sunday. The President returned from

cardiologist, is in the United States as is his daughter, Mrs Samia Khan. His younger son, Mr Badar Durrez Ahmed, is a student at Trinity College, Cam-Kuala Lumpur vesterday after-noon, after falling ill during a visit to Malaysia and the Philippines. He walked down the air-



From Kuldip Nayar Mrs Gandhi, the Prime craft gangway unaided and Delbi, Feb 11 Minister, who was at Mr chatted with the Prime Mini-President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed's beside when he died ster, who was at the airport to Ahmed of India died here today Mr Ahmed leaves a wife and

Mr Ahmed, who took office as President on August 24, 1974, climaxing 40 years in politics, was earlier a Cabinet Minister after Mrs Gandhi brought him to the centre from Assam, where he was a state minister He was known for his humil-ity and, was described by Mr Jayprakash Narayan, the oppo-sition leader, as a distinguished patriot and a mature politician. Moscow: President Podgorny postponed a visir to India due later this month because of the death of President Ahmed. Earlier he visited the Indian Embassy to convey his condo-lences.—Reuter.

Washington: President Carter expressed his "deep personal regret" and announced he was sending his mother, Mrs Lillian Carter, aged 78 and his son. Mr Chip Carter, to represent Mr Chip Carter, to represent the United States at the funeral.

Farm price increases in the EEC will not exceed 3 per cent if the Council of Ministers accepts a recommendation understood to have been adopted by the

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CBI plan for tax relief

The Confederation of British Industry will ask Mr Healey, the Chanceller, to raise the higher tax rate threshold from £5.000 to £8,000, reduce the basic rate from 35 to 33 per cent, and increase child allowances by 50 per cent. It has also discussed the sale of more Government shares in British Petroleum to finance the package Page 17

Floods cut services Floods badly affected North Wales and Nottinghamshire and disrupted road and

rail services in many other parts of the country. At Llandudno Junction a lifeboat travelled along the A55 to assist families cut off in their homes

Page 12 £130m aid for Belfast The Government may spend up to 5130m

in the next five years to halt the decline of inner Belfast. Half the 123,000 homes require renovation and there are 13,000 on the bousing waiting list **Doctors** on strike Doctors and dentists in Hanover staged a one-day strike in protest against plans by the West German Government to cut back

on health service costs. Second readings Among three backbench Bills that had

unopposed second readings in the Commons was one on the use of mini-

buses by schools, churches, and other social welfare bodies, and another raising

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the age limit for the use of firearms

A STATE OF THE STA Britain and U S try again on Rhodesia

Britain and the United States have decided to make another attempt at reaching a constitutional solution in Rhodesia. They have been encouraged by results of a meeting between Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, and Mr Smith Page 4

The Jockey Club stewards have taken a firm line against the use of anabolic steroids by rining two trainers, David Morley and David Gandolfo, and banning the four horses involved until the end

I wo trainers fined

India in command India took control on a good pitch on the first day of the final Test match against England at Bombay, Gavaskar, 103 not out, and Patel (83) helped them to

Cairo: Egyptian voters give almost unanimous endorsement to President Sadar's draft decree against demonstra-Johannesburg: Mr Pik Botha, South Africa's Ambassador in Washington, is

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GLC responds to Government call 2130m plan for help and incentives for small industries in inner cities

From Christopher Warman and John Young

Bristol call on Wednesday by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, for help and incensives to small industries

in Britain's inner cities.

Mr Norman Howard, chairman of the council's planning committee, said yesterday that he had asked for a report on the feasibility of providing loans to help firms to keep going and to expand, particu-larly in the Greater London areas that have been suffering most from dereliction and depri-

He said at the "Save Our Cinies" conference, sponsored jointly by The Sunday Times and the Gulbenkian Foundation, that if it was established that the council had the powers to grant loans in that way it could

areas of London.

Mr Howard added that the council would examine the pos-

schemes on the environment, a

Department of the Environment

report said yesterday. Bad

decisions sometimes led to large

compensation payments having

to be made from public funds.

The report accused planning authorities of failing to examine

proposals for large-scale deve-

lopment in sufficient depth.

Important environmental ques-

tions were too often given an examination that was super-

attention to the effects of big existent.

only in the City.

The schemes, if they were practicable, would start with a modest fund of about £10m. Mr Howard said that the coun-

cil was also planning an industrial development agency which would cut across borough boun-daries and define a concerted policy for the industrial future of London. It would include politicians, local-government officers, Whitehall officials and industrial representatives. "Ir

to halt urban decay became painfully obvious at the con-ference. Delegates representing central government, local govgrant loans in that way it could give an important incentive to industry to get going in the inner areas and thus provide around and local pressure groups found themselves in disagreement, and constant disagreement, and there were frequent inter-

ruptions. Mr Simon Jenkins, editor of sibility of operating an indus- Mr Simon lenkins, editor of involvement by trial development bank which the Evening Standard, said that produce results.

Three cases, a chemical works, a large steel complex

and a water project, were de-

tailed in the report by Mr John Catlow, former Under Secretary

at the Department of the Environment, and Mr Geoffrey

Thirlwall, a planning consultant.

they said, was now the target

of a strong public campaign

because of its effect on sur-roundings, including farmland.

The unnamed chemical plant,

Planners asked to care for environment

would be able to offer long a classic case of bureaucratic term loans of up to 15 years. blindness was that of St Agnes One of the difficulties in the Place, in Lambeth, where 200 The Greater London Council past had been that industrialists policemen had been needed to the could obtain short-term loans enforce a simple local planning decision to demolish a street of houses. Part of the solution. he said, lay in persuading organizations that wielded great power over our cities to accept

a degree of impotence.

But when Mr Jenkins subgested that private enterprise as well as community action might have a part to play in reviving decayed areas, he encountered bitter opposition.

The conference, which ends today, has established three main attitudes. The first, exfor London", he said. "There are 32 boroughs and we cannot afford to have 32 policies."

The first, expressed by both Mr Shore and his Conservative predecessor. Mr Peter Walker, is that only canton. The lack of an agreed policy has the means, but that it will halt urban decay became demand much greater control over how the money is spent.

The second is that local authorities feel they deserve greater freedom to deal with issues about which they know far more than Whitehall. The third view is that of the community groups, who insist that only neighbourhood action and involvement by residents will

have been a very expensive decision in the first place." The report said that studies

of the environmental impact of the steelworks were carried out

halted, a great deal of abortive work would have been done.

Although opposition to large

projects was increasing the report said, fear of obstruction

About ten thousand houses have been bricked up and most of them will have to be demo-lished; half of the city's 123,000 homes need repair or complete renovation; more than 13,000 people are on the housing wait-Planners should pay more ficial, belated, hasty or non- is made out, this will prove to

to renew

centre

Belfast city

From Martin Huckerby

environmental needs.

no real limit.

The Government may spend

up to £130m in the next five

meet the city's housing and

That strategy is in line with

the Government's new policy of

seeking to revive inner city

areas throughout the United

Kingdom, but Belfast is unusual

because it is probably the only

city in the country where the amount of money available has

While cities like Liverpool

and Glasgow have such intense

difficulties that whatever money

is available will be quickly

swallowed up, the difficulties in

Belfast are not likely to be

Mr Ray Carter, Under-Secre

tary of State, Northern Ireland,

said confidently in Belfast yes-terday: "If we show signs of

A steering group, with repre-sentatives from the city council and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, has been estab-lished under Mr Carter's chairmanship to coordinate public services to handle the new only after the project's first phase had been approved. If the project now had to be

Mr Carter said he hoped to make swift progress by nomi-nating housing action areas, of which there were potentially more than 60 in the city. Two such areas have already been designated.

years to try to reverse the decline of inner Belfast and to

money is going to be a prob-lem." Sir Harold and Lady Wilson arriving for a visit: last night at the London home of Lady Falk-

Derailed truck sent for among Peace People nuclear safety check

sent for examination at a for refilling.
nuclear power station yesterday The Central Electricity nuclear power station yesterday because it might have been contaminated when it left the rails or Gloucester and fell on its

The truck was carrying a 50ton container, inside which was a flask used for transporting radioactive material from a nuclear establishment at Wylfa, Anglesey, to the Berkeley power station, in Gloucester-

At the time of the derailment.

Generating Board said the con-tainer, which had steel walls 14in thick, was not damaged. The truck sent to the power station for a check was one of

six wagons that were derailed. Workmen spent more than 12 hours repairing the line. The CEGB said: "There was

no danger. The container was empty anart from a residue of water. Containers of this sort travel regularly on BR and day that despite the public bombs in vil taken."

Army domestication from a residue of the public bombs in vil differences the difficulties of vince and the bombings and the bomb alerts. in the goods yard ar Horton strict safety precautions are Road, Gloucester, the container taken."

Callaghan remark terrorism irk the L

Government responded angrily yesterday to criticism by Mr Callaghau, of Ireland's refusal to sign the new European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism. After a Cabinet meeting had discussed remarks made by the British Prime Minister on Thursday that the British Government wanted maximum pressure brought on Ireland to sign the convention, the Irish Government stated tersely that its determination to deal with terrorism "is well known and needs no further elaboration".

Ministers have not tried to hide their anger at Mr Callaghan's statement. There is a widespread belief that his remarks were prompted partly by the refusal of Ireland to withdraw its torture case at the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg. British pressure is unlikely

to change the Irish position.
The Dublin Government
pointed out yesterday that
before it could sign the convention there would have to be a change in the Irish Constitution. which could be done only through a referendum.

New penalties had recently been introduced for terrorist offences, the Government said,

sort of thing the co seeking to achieve Mr Alichael frontbench spo foreign affairs fo

Fail opposition, British "threat". He said it wa inconsistent of Government to b on Ireland to be: another conventio themselves have their lack of supp vention already in Mr O'Kennedy Mr Mason, the Bri of State for Nort for his "gravely i suggestion that Provisional IRA

from the continu republic's case at Ecliest bomb: Tw slightly injured la a bomb exploded the docks area of A boy aged eigh hurt by a shot a men burst into

Dunlambert Drive men pushed thro door when it wa scuffle, attempted

Attempt to end dissen killings were so s

From a Staff Reporter

Peace feelers were put out the dissension that has affected the Peace People organization in Northern Ireland.

The move came from the Peace People's groups in the Catholic Andersonstown and Falls areas of west Belfast; it was their criticism of the attacks on the churches by leaders of the Peace People that first led to suggestions that the movement could be in danger of splitting.

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yesterday while he panions were e station at Spruce road between List man was killed close range. The filling station, a beaten up during juries.

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for NHS is proposed

Principals in McKinsey and Company, the management consultants who played a large part in the reorganization of the National Health Service, argue that the service should be run by a commission. In evidence to the Royal

sion on the NHS they say that the commission should have regional offices and that the present 14 regional health authorities should be eliminated as a separate statutory and management tier.

The evidence is presented in the name of Mr John Banham. It does not, it is argued, represent second thoughts on the company's earlier work. The agement, integrating hospital, community health and family doctor services, is accepted as

Mr Banham yesterday d missed the charge made by Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, that the firm's idea was to "tax the sick on a money or your life" basis.

Jail inquiry

The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester is investigating allegations of beatings of prisoners transferred from Hull prison to Strangeways, Mr Rees, Home Secretary, said yesterday. Three prisoners had-complained

Social Follow, Schemists have started a public campaign to preserve the national network of 11,000 pharmacies, which they say is in danger of collapse. The number of chemists' shops has been declining by about 250 a year

The campaign is being mounted by the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, representing chemists who run

Commission | New Bill revives abortion campaign

roundings, including farmland, should not be an excuse for not adequately informing the public.

By David Leigh Political Staff

The opening shots in the latest renewal of the campaign over abortion were fired yesterday. A private member's Bill was published with the support of prominent anti-abortionists and the opposition of Mr Emals, the Cabinet minister concerned. Labour supporters of abor-

tion say the Bill would pro-hibit up to 40,000 of the abortions now carried out Anti-abortionists who sup-port the Bill also intend to use its relatively minor amend-ments as a vehicle for an attempt to raise once again the whole question of the grounds

long history of parliamentary dispute on the issue. The Abortion (Amendment) Bill, introduced by Mr William abortions.

Benyon, Conservative MP for A woman

on which women are allowed

abortions. They want them restricted, and there is now a

Buckinghum, is supported by Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool. It comes up for second reading on February 25, when Labour proabortionists, led by Mrs Renée Short, MP for Wolverhampton, North-east, will oppose the Bill, as will the Government, which is allowing a conscience wore.

Buckinghum, is supported by titioner would have to be notified of abortions if the woman consented. Consciention by medical staff would be allowed "on religious, ethical or other grounds".

The Bill, which seeks to enact many of the recommendations of the controversial Select Committee on Abortion, whose pre-abortion members walked

The Bill amends the Abortion Act, 1967, by prohibiting advice bureaux from sending women to clinics with which they have a financial "or other" agreement.

The Bill also cuts the preg-nancy period during which abortions are allowed from 26 weeks to 20, unless a child would be born seriously disabled, or the mother would be gravely and permanently injured. It allows only doctors who have been qualified for tive

pre-abortion members walked out in protest, would not apparently require parents of girls under 16 to be present during abortion advice.

Mr Ennals, the Secretary of State for Social Services, says in a letter to Mr David Steele, the Liberal leader: "Little purpose will be served by introducing a complex amending

ducing a complex amending Bill which may cause confusion and uncertainty for the many doctors and health profes-sionals who believe that the present Act is for the most part achieving the intentions of Parliament in providing a responsible and civilized service A woman's general pract for women in need."

Campaign to preserve pharmacy network

By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent Britain's chemists have

supplementary personal income tax on people working in Scotland, but they see great difficulties. For example, a 5p in the pound supplement would cost £12m to collect.

sonal income tax costs in the

Liberal amendment: A Liberal

amendment tabled yesterday suggests that the Government's

proposed referendum should in-clude the question: "Do you

agree that the Scotland and

Wales Act should have made provision for the Scottish

Assembly to be elected by a

Lord Home's demand: Lord Home of The Hirsel last night called for an immediate referen-

dum in Scotland (the Press

referendum as a constitutional

Lord Home added that it

would be wise to suspend dis-cussion on the Bill and hold

whether the Scottish people

wanted independence from

England.
"The Scottish nationalists

claim the majority want inde-pendence", he said, "The only way, short of a general election, to prove or disprove that is a referendum asking the straight question."

The answer was likely to be

decisively against independence.

duced, with the sole aim of

But a Bill could then be intro-

system of proportional representation?

United Kingdom.

the National Health Service Relocation allowances, to help a prescription service. Among their proposals are: gery, for example; and an initial practice allowance to induce a pharmacist to set up shop in an area of need.
Subsidies to keep small shops going particularly in sparsely populated rural areas.

The chemists say that their loss of profitability is to a large extent due to the success of supermarkets and big groups

yesterday to ferry families cut sable in seven other places.
off in Llandudno Junction, Part of a council housi
North Wales, one of the areas scheme in Thornton, Fife, w worst affected by flooding after heavy rainfalls. It travelled along the main A55 road help-

rafts to provide a link for dozens of isolated homes. The A55 was covered by five feet of floodwater after heavy rainfall for two days. The water had been unable to find a way through the doors of a culvert leading into the river Conway.

A few hundred yards away a private housing estate, The depth of several feet. For many families it was the third flood in 13 months.

Residents blamed the local council and the Welsh National Water Development Authority for not doing enough to protect them. By last night most of the floodwater had drained away. A passenger train last night

hit earth and trees deposited on the line by a landslide after heavy rain and was devailed at Llanddulas, near Colwyn Bay, North Wales. None of the dozen passengers was hurt.

Seventeen roads in Fife, Scotland, were flooded yester-day. Rain caused an avalanche, which blocked the M9 northin taking non-medical business. I bound slip road at Pitreavie,

Lifeboat takes to road to aid flood victims An inshore lifeboat was used and main roads were impas-Part of a council housing scheme in Thormon, Fife, was sealed off when a hole

appeared in the garden of one of the houses. By the end of the day it was more than 15 feet deep, and six feet by four feet wide. Experts said they thought the hole had been caused by severe flooding over old mine

although the village was no

longer cut off, most of the houses were still not habitable. Drying out will be slow; as a steady drizzle continued to fall for most of yesterday in the police were keeping a careful watch on rivers and streams as possible new danger points

presented themselves. Serious flooding for the third time in recent weeks in floor. His sons were using Arbroath, Tayside, led to many rowing boats to leave the house. companies sending home workers. Rowing boats were being used a mile inland to reach business premises, and some families were stranded in

their homes.

The trouble was caused, as on previous occasions, by a stream which flows through the town bursting its banks after heavy rain.

In England, Nottinghamshire was one of the worst affected areas. Several families at Radcliffe-on-Trent were evacuated from their homes and the main street was under 30in of water. The river Trent was running

seven feet above normal and vorkings. was said to be rising at an inch police.
In the village of Pitscottie an hour. The main Derby-Notwater was still several feet tingham railway line was closed deep vesterday and there was at Draycott because it was no chance of people returning under several feet of water. The home. The police said that Al road between Grantham and Newark was closed at Gonerby and other low-lying roads were under water.

Heavy surface water was reported in Derbyshire and Northamptonshire. Many minor roads the waterlogged country. Roads in Merseyside were flooded.
were slowly being opened, but

At Apperley, Gloucestershire At Apperley, Gloucestershire, the Coal House Inn could be reached only by boat and at the home of Mr Alfred Smith, near by, a foot of flood water from the Severn covered the ground

British Rail Western Region said Inter-City trains on the London to Bristol and South cal guide. The Wales routes would be delayed because of flooding around Magazine tomorro Chipping Sodbury.

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on devolution is defeated? By a Staff Reporter Scottish assembly to levy a

Failure of the Scotland and Wales Bill on devolution would pose the gravest threat to the continuation of the present Government, Mr Rodgers, Santatary of State for Trans Secretary of State for Transport, said last night.

That would represent a fifth of the revenue obtained, a high charge compared with the 12 per cent that collection of per-He told members of the Sunderland Fabian Society that if the Bill was defeated in the Commons, or impeded. by Labour members, the minority parties would throw their weight against the Gov-ernment and seek an early election.

The Bill's defeat could easily mean defeat of the Government, with no prospect of another Labour Government for years ahead.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Scottish Nationalist MPs yesterday rejected a Government suggestion that no one has produced any workable pro-posals to give the proposed Scottish assembly revenueraising powers.

Association reports).
In a speech to Conservative students in London he said that he was not keen on the They produced statements and amendments tabled to the devolution Bill to show that they have been pressing for effective revenue powers since the measure was published. Under the SNP scheme a Scotdevice, but the devolution Bill for Scotland had brought such confusion to the public mind "that I believe it is the only tish Exchequer would receive course which will clarify the all revenue, taxes and royalties all revenue, raxes and royattes from North Sea oil, and the assembly would remit to the Treasury in London only those moneys required to cover mon-devolved matters. The Scottish Exchequer would have the power to curisterest rates withman regard a referendum in Scotland on

interest rates without regard to the United Kingdom base rate, and the assembly would control the Scottish Development Agency.

we feel that our proposals have the victure of samplicity and will save money ", the SNP said." They avoid the dangers sau and expense of double taxa-

There is obviously a willingachieving the better govern-ment of Scotland within the ness among ministers to con-sider allowing the proposed

Government 'may fall if Bill Court told of 'brides for hire' racket

terday. Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, for

the prosecution, said one girl was arrested at a register office just as she was about to go through a wedding cere-mony for the third time in four weeks.
In another case the man

signed marriage documents as a girl's father and mother. The same man supplied girls with false birth certificates, wed-

the immigration laws.

A public house in Earls

By Our Political Staff .

David Lane.

organizations to cooperate with

the new Commission for Racial Equality and its chairman, Mr

Britain today have enough enemies without they and their

friends dividing among them-selves in procedural wrangles

concerning the formation of the

new commission", Mr Rees
seed in Bradford.
A new statement on the Conservative Party's policy on race
relations and immigration will

be made by Mr William White-

law, deputy leader and shadow Home Secretary, at the Young Conservatives' annual confer-ence in Eastbourne today. He is to reply to a debate on

"The ethnic minorities in

organizing the racket, Mr D,

Mr Rees urges immigrant

The Home Secretary last terests of community relations might appealed to immigrant are best served by concentrat-

counsel added.

He said Arabs, Africans and Egyptians were prepared to go appear for trial next week, when Miss Gray will be called to give evidence for the training artists to give evidence for the country of the immigration laws.

groups to cooperate

the racket was organized by produce a marriage certificate Mr D, now in custody. She as proof could stay persaid he charged £250 for the manently.

signing a false notice for the purpose of procuring a mar-riage, uttering a forged mar-riage consent form, perjury, and conspiracy to give false ding rings, and a taxi to the register office.

Later a girl would go with her foreign national "hus-prisonment on each charge, band" to have the time limit revoked on his stay in Britain,

Crown. Counsel said foreigners com-

the proposition "that the in-

ing more on integration and less on immigration".

He will be auxious to rebut

the accusation that because

Conservatives are worried about

believes that no policy of integration will succeed unless

A "brides for hire" racket, with English girls "marrying" as the recruiting centre. The stay for a month but a foreign for £50 on each occasion to help foreigners to dodge office later told detectives that English woman and could deportation, was outlined at the racket was organized by produce a marriage certificate the Central Criminal Court yes as the recruiting centre. The stay for a month but a foreign girl arrested at a register national who married an office later told detectives that English woman and could as proof could stay per-manently.

Miss Gray was married twice

said he charged 1250 for the service, and terrorized girls into becoming "brides".

Sharon Gray, aged 19, unemployed, of Gibbs House, Balham Hill, Balham, London, admitted 10 charges, including higamy, making false statements relating to a marriage, signing a false notice for the public house for £250. The public house for £250. The bride got £50.

Mr Hart-Leverton said Miss

Gray once gave perjured evidence in court, stating that she was the new bride of a man accused of staying too long in

She was in the second case the hired "bride" of a man called Monir Melad Khala. Mr D filled in the consent form on the bonnet of a car outside the register office. The third "marriage" ceremony related to an Egyptian called Ibrahim Mohamed El-Did. At that point the police moved in.

Conservatives' Lords reform

By Our Political Staff

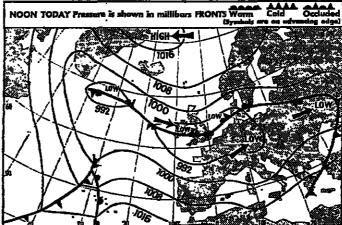
Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition. announced the composition of the Conservative working party to study reform of the House the expansion of ethnic of Lords, minority communities in British With L

group is chosen

With Lord Home of The cities they are racialists. He Hirsel as chairman, the members are: Lord Blake, Mr there are stricter immigration Neil Marten, MP, Mr James controls.

Mr Peter Walker, national vice-president of the Young Tories, and Sir Keith Joseph, party spokesman with overall responsibility for policy and research, and other leading Conservatives will address the conference today and Mrs Thatcher will do so tomorrow. in the comparative study of in-stitutions at Oxford and profes-social fellow of Nuffield College.

Weather forecast and recordings



Tomorrow Sum sets:

Sun rises : 7.21 am 5.10 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 2.27 am 11.29 am New Moon: Feb 18
Lighting up: 5.40 pm to 6.49 am.
High Water: London Bridge,
7.25 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 8.13 pm,
6.3m (20.7ft). Avonmouth, 12.24
am, 10.5m (34.5ft); 12.59 pm
10.3m (33.8ft). Dover, 4.43 am,
6.0m (19.6ft); 5.32 pm, 5.6m
(18.5ft). Hull, 12.15 pm, 6.1m
(19.9ft). Liverpool, 5.3 am, 7.9m
(25.9ft); 5.36 pm, 7.8m (25.5ft). New Moon: Feb 18

A trough of low pressure will be slow moving over England and

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

A trough of low pressure will be slow moving over England and Wales.

Forecasts for 6 am to midmight:

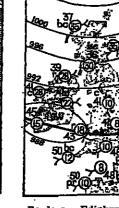
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England, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, occasional showers: wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 3° or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

East Anglia, Midlands, Wales:
Mostly cloudy, occasional rain but snow over hills; wind variable, light; max temp 6° or 7°C.

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E, Central N, NE England:



Sum rises: Sum sets: Moray Firth, NR Sc ney, Shetand: Snow longed in places leading; wind NE, frest locally gale; max ter locally ga Outlook for tomorriday: Little change.
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(E): Wind mostly S
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London: Temp: ma 6 pm, 12°C (54°F); E 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Hu 62 per cent. Rain, 24 nil. Sum, 24 hr to 6 Bar, mean sea level, millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.

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Two men die

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WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS___

r bombs and eggs were at Sir Keith Joseph, vative frontbench memsponsible for policy and h, as he arrived to students at Essex Uni-yesterday. He was hit back by some flour, but dressed about 500 stu-

nd been invited to speak ne moral and material for capitalism" the ity's Conservative Asso-He said later that the in was "not worthy of a ity at .all ".

er all I gave plenty of ouestioners afterwards examine me" he said, that the reception was the five worst he had 1 in about 81 meetings ast two years.

Sir Keith arrived at chrime meeting he was with shouts including "and "racist" by about otesters crowding the

Peace he mion organized yeshe union organized yes-picket. Sir Keith said "I assumed civilized ir would occur."



Sir Keith Joseph competing with hecklers at Essex University yesterday.

his case for free enterprise and competitive capitalism. where there is not also free enterprise ", he said. competitive capitalism. The free enterprise system that is capitalism is the necesad spoken for half an id constant shouting and condition for freedom—there is debate to no real freedom in any country Ireland.

During questions he com-plained when some students to broaden the include Northern attempted to

r Jones puts case for tax cuts

ck Jones, general secrethe Transport and Workers' Union and icipal architect of the with the Government, it reminded the Chanbat the unions want ax reductions" in the dget, which is widely to be presented on 9. Any recommenda-th the TUC makes, Mr id, will take tax cuts

the resumed meeting -- JC economic committee aredly said that a satis-igreement on wages is

ictim,

ential condition for ax reductions. nes said at Stoke-on-Had the unions not I in the way we did ast couple of years, would have faced very ed to keep the country ng standards and conor workers were part

gave a warning that

"We must maintain and improve our essential services in public transport, health, education, cleansing, or we will set in motion a downward spiral of falling efficiency totally harmful to our industrial strategy".

Industrial regeneration depended on a well maintained framework of necessary public services. It was right that nonproductive costs of administra-tion should be kept down to a justifiable level, but the exam-tial services provided to the public must not be further diluted.

Mr Jones concentrated most of his speech on the need for public transport. "There is a dangerous tendency", he said, "to regard public transport as an expensive luxury, and one area where the Government can cut back on public spending without too much damage. This is a mistaken approach, and one which could jeopardize

ference on March 22 in Central or full-time work. Hall, Westminster, on the question of the social wage. Unemployment "scar": Unem-

Len Murray, TUC general sec-retary, said at a TUC youth conference in London yesterday (the Press Association reports) He wanted to see the beginning of economic growth and improvement this year. "We cannot tolerate a new leisure class of a million people whose leisure has been imposed on

Manpower Services Commission as "one of the best things that have happened to this coun-tor", but gave a warning that the commission could not fundamentally change the level of unemployment.

They can deal with aspects it and provide foundations the future but they have to operate in the context of fuller employment."

Mr Richard O'Brien, chair-men of the commission, said his organization was anxious to develop its pro-gramme of training job-creation and work-experience The unions were Mr Jones gave cautious sup-d to keep the country port to the public service for young people as a practical the knowledge that unions, who are holding a con-alternative to further education

people to have confidence in the future of their society if of essential public ployment at its present level work cannot be found for them was a false economy. was a "scar" on society, Mr within it", he said.

nem locq nded over) store find

en appeared at Liver-istrates' Court yester-urges arising from the of a bomb store in a suburban house last thony Clarke, aged 29, sbrick Drive, Norris id Joseph McDonagh, of Brunel Close, Anth Liverpool, were in custody for a

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ng ban in h Sea

roment order banning or Norway pout in a a of the North Sea off id east Scotland for inths of the year was in a Commons reply yesterday by Mr secretary of State for

der comes into effect tary 21 and will apply in between August 1 ch 31. Norway pout is make fishmeal. It is able for human cou-

00 sheep losses

worrying sheep cost armers about £100,000 the Welsh division of ional Farmers' Union yesterday. The union stiff penalties" to be on owners who let

Man put on probation in unlawful sex case

admitted having intercourse with a girl aged 13, said to be of mature appearance,

Up to two years' imprisonment may be imposed in cases of intercourse with girls under 16, but for the third time in four days judges have taken action that has led Mrs Mary Whitehouse to accuse them of suspending the law. She has complained that the age of consent is being lowered by the

law's default.

Alexander John Hatch, aged
39, of Hollydale Road, Peckham, London, who pleaded quilty to one offence of unlawful intercourse, was placed on probation after Judge Hines was told of his medical and psychiatric background.

Mr Roger Henderson, for the

prosecution, said that when the sirl called at Mr Hatch's house he invited her in, plied her with gin, and got her drunk. Medical examination showed

Judge Hines, QC, placed a that she had indulged in samual father aged 39 on probation at the Central Criminal Court yes terday after the man had admitted having intercourse with a girl of 15. And he fined at a vouth, aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth, aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had been ill and had been intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had been ill and had been intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had been ill and had been intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had been ill and had been intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse as a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had admitted having intercourse had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth a vouth a vouth aged 17. £75 after he man had a vouth a v Mr Hatch had been ill and undergoing hospital treatment. In the second case Leslie Francis, of Tweedy Road, Bromley, Kent, admirted inter-

course with a girl of 13. The prosecution said it was with the girl's consent. The offence was repeated on about a dozen occasions.

Judge Hines said it seemed the gap in terms of years was Lord Justice Scarman said in the Court of Appeal on Tuesday that a man of 21 jailed for indecent assault against a girl of 13 should not have been sent to prison. "This happens almost every Saturday night all over the country. he said.
At the Central Criminal
Court on Thursday Judge
Clarke, QC, in dealing with two similar cases, said to the accused: "It seems to me

rather a pity that people life

you should ever anpear at the Central Criminal Court.

Burglar who killed widow jailed for 15 years

Roy Abdul Kelly, aged 37, described as a professional burglar who carried a knife as the tool of his trade, was sentenced at Bristol Crown

sentenced at Bristol Crawn Court yesterday to a total of 15 years' imprisonment.

The knife was used to gain entry to homes he burgled, it was stated, but on the night of September 13 last he used it to stab Mrs Winifred Coleman, aged 78, a widow, through the heart in her basement flat at Clarendon Villas, Widcombe Will Bath.

Mr Kelly was also said to have been carrying his knife when he attempted to rape a

Two men die as train hits van

A van driver and a bystander lied yesterday when a passenger train struck a van on an unmanned level crossing near Ganton, on the York to Scarborough line, eight miles from Scarborough.

to get across.

It is though that one man had got out of the van in open the far crossing gate, but the vehicle stuck before it had time

sirl of 18 in a house he was burgling at Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Mr Justice Dunn said that on both occasions he was drunk and on the night of the killing he was so drunk he suffered loss of

ine judged sentenced Mr Kelly to 10 years' imprisonment for manslaughter and five years, to run consecutively, for aggravated burglary at the Sutton Coldfield house. Mr Kelly, a cleaner, of no fixed address, had denied murdering Mrs Coleman. His plea of guilty to manslaughter was accepted by the Crown.

Woman killed in Yorkshire crash A woman was killed and Mrs

Anne Liddell-Grainger, wife of Mr David Liddell-Grainger, who is a member of the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland (the Royal Company of Archers), was hurt vesterday in a road accident at Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire.

The dead woman was her companion, Miss Catherine Fahy, from New Zealand.

Doctors go on strike in protest over

Bonn health cuts plan

From Dan van der Var Bonn, Feb 11 Doctors and dentists in Hanover refused to treat patients today at the start of a nationwide campaign against Government plans to limit the

rise in health costs.

Their professional organization reported an "almost 193 per cent response" from 700 doctors and 400 dentists to a call to close their practices for the day. They cooperated in special arrangements for emer-

special arrangements for emergency cases.

Another 500 doctors and 230 dentists plan another one-day protest can Tuesday in the Oldenburg area, also in Lower Saxony. The second stage of the campaign will involve selective stoopages in practices. tive stoppages in various regions of several days at a

time.
If there is still no change in the Government's cost cutting scheme, doctors and dentists plan to refuse for one month to treat patients insured under the Covernment-supervised but privately run medical insurance scheme, which caters for all but the wealthiest. Treatment will not be denied, but the full fee will be charged

direct to the patient.

The next stage would involve a permanent boycott of the present medical insurance companies and the creation of a parallel network of non-profit-making susurance societies by doctors and dentists.

Under the Government plan, details of which are still being worked out. Bonn wants to reduce the average length of stay in hospital considerably longer than in most if not all comparable countries, in favour of out-patient treatment. It wants to cur over-prescribing and to limit rises in doctors' fees to the level justified by economic develop-

At the root of these con-

siderations is the enormous strain on West Germany's social security system caused by the economic recession and changes in the demographic

changes in the demographic pattern.

The doctors and dentists, beneficiaries of a system which encourages them to over-examine over-treat and over-prescribe, enjoy one of the highest remunerations of all professions in a country where health is a national obsession. health is a national obsession.

Doctors and patients have until

now been able to comfort each
other with the slogan, "the
insurance will pay".

But this is no longer possible

as costs start to outstrip the insurance funds, which have been badly hurt by unemployment, now at one million, cuts in overtime and widespread

A rough calculation shows that the West Germans are spending £30,000m a year on health, or about £450 for every.

man, woman and child.
West Germany has about 123,000 doctors, one for every 500 citizens—the highest concentration in the world. About 60,000 work in hospitals and 10,000 work in hospitals and 10,000 in the public service. Of the remaining 53,000 private practitioners, 49,000 treat patients on the normal medical

The average annual income this last group, after deduction of all practice expenses and before tax, ranges from £41,000 to £58,000 a year in fees from the insurance firms alone. Average incomes of dentists are between 20 and 25 per cent

In the present dispute, which has already been marked by some very immoderate language on both sides, the doctors argue that their freedom to determine appropriate treatment to use the latest technology and thus to retain the confidence of their patients, will be damaged.

subject disappears from view,

and the committee, the House and indeed the public, includ-ing interested bodies who want

to know the outcome of nego-tiations held in secret within the Council of Ministers, are

left in ignorance of the future progress on the subject", the

More emphatically, the committee demands much more in-

formation about the application of legislation which it has

House of Lords Select Commit-tee on the European Communi-

Government is accused over EEC legislation

By George Clark Political Correspondent

The Government was accused yesterday of not keeping Parliament informed about proposed EEC legislation. The complaint was made by

the House of Lords Select Com-mittee on the European Communities, which said the Government should accept its responsibility to keep Parliament and the public informed of progress of major EEC draft instruments after they have been reported on and debated.

"At present, once a report tee on the European Communi-has been issued from this com-mittee, and a debate held, the Office, 50p).

Hopeful reply from Russia on fish rights By Our Diplomatic

Correspondent

The Soviet Union has told Britain that it is prepared to negotiate on fishing rights within the European Comnunity's new 200-mile limit and that Brussels would be an acceptable place for the talks to be held. Negotiations are expected to open in the next

This is seen as an encouraging response, given Moscow's refusal to recognize the Community. Britain, as president of the

EEC, has already told East Ger-many and Poland which of their vessels may fish in Community waters, and licences will be issued.

The Russians were informed that 27 trawlers could come in but not more than 17 at any time. The arrangement came into force on Monday but a period of grace is being allowed.

Inventor seizes eight hostages

Helsinki, Feb 11.—A gunman described as a frustrated inventor today released the remaining three of his original eight hostages and surrendered to the police after the authorities agreed to accept his inven-tion, a "turbine accelerator". He seized the eight people

offices of the Finnish Inventors' Foundation but let four of them ge almost immediately. He released a fifth early today.— Reuter.

Huge bird kills child

Jakarta, Feb 11.—A hungry cassowary, an emu-like bird weighing more than 100lb which was running loose because its owner thought it was tame, has killed one child and seriously injured another outside their home in west Java.





Captivity ends for Scñor Oriol (left) after 63 days and for General Vallaescusa after 18 days.

Political time bomb set in Spain

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Feb 11

The Spanish Communist Party set the fuse of a political time bomb here today by for-mally applying for legal recog-

The application was made possible by a one-day-old decree which shifts the responsibility for determining the legality of political parties from the executive to the judicial branch of the government. Under the decree the Inte-rior Ministry must act on the application within 10 days, either accepting the party as a legally inscribed "association" or passing the relevant file to the Supreme Court if the Cabinet has any doubts about the passibility of granting large.

possibility of granting legal status to the party.

The court has a maximum of 30 days, from he time it receives the file and the written argument of the Inte-

rior Ministry, in which to rule finding can be expected to proon the matter.

Since the question of legaliamong the legal parties of the zation of the Communist Party is the most explosive political issue of the post-Franco era, the Ministry will certainly for-

ward the request to the courts in this case. That means that by March 31 (40 days excluding Sundays and holidays according to Spanish legal cus-

tom) the political time bomb will go off.

If the High Court rules in favour of the Communist Party petition, an immediate and pos sibly violent reaction can be expected from the extreme right. Legality for the Communist Party is held by many right-wingers to be com-pletely intolerable.

If the court finds that the Communist Party is illegal, as it well might under the existing somewhat ambiguous law on political associations, the

tude from the Communist Party and parties to the left of

Despite the danger, Señor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, undoubtedly felt Minister. obliged to resolve the question of legality for the Communist Party before the parliamentary elections which are now expected to take place on or about June 1. Without the de-cree his hands were tied since Communists, the Socialists and many other parties refused to apply for legal recognition. The legalization of all polit-

ical parties, including the Communists, is one of the conditions which virtually every party of the centre and left has insisted upon before the elections can be held.

Washington eager to encourage any shift in PLO attitude to Israel

Mr Vance goes to Middle East open to offers

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During his Middle East trip next week, Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State. plans to explore in State, plans to explore in depth the possibility that the Palestinian leadership has

moderated its position towards In an interview, he said there had been increasing talk

there had been increasing talk about a shift in the Palestinian view. If there had been a moderation in the Palestinian position, then obviously this would be a helpful step.

At present, the Palestinian problem is a big stumbling block to a Middle East settlement and the United States has refused to have any subhas refused to have any sub-stantive discussions with the Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion until it agrees to accept Israel's existence and certain Security Council resolutions

advocating negotiation. Mr Vance seemed to be sig-nalling to the Palestinian lea-dership that any shift in their position towards acceptance of Israel would be welcome as a tral Europe it was important

devoted to the Middle East, where he will visit six countries in seven davs starting on

say on other subjects.
The United States has received indications that China would like to begin talks on settling each other's claims, opening the way to normal trade relations. He hoped these talks could resume in the not too distant future.

The Carter Administration is nearly ready to publish a draft regulation requiring arms manufacturers to secure manufacturers to secure licences before attempting to sell arms to other countries. This would ensure that such sales would be consistent with American foreign policy. On controlling sales of con-ventional arms abroad, several

arms suppliers were indicating willingness to discuss the ques-

tion.
As for the stalled talks on mutual force reduction in cen-

Soviet Union to give sufficient political push to resume them although in close consultation with America's allies.

In the interview in his seventh floor State Department office, Mr Vance seemed reluc-tant to divulge his own views on the Middle East prior to his departure. But he did say he believed the United States should not come up with a specific plan for a Middle East

Among the problems were how to organize a negotiating framework and what to do about the Palestinians, espe-cially the Palestine Liberation

He might favour Dr Kissinger's idea of a preliminary conference of interested parties before plunging directly into a Geneva conference. One problem is the Arab incitators that the PLO Arab insistence that the PLO participate in any conference and Israel's adamant refusal to artend if the PLO is there in

Voters back

Jordanian delegation

Sadat

decree

saboteurs.

Major-General

anti-riot

From Our Correspondent Cairo, Feb 11

President Sadat has won the

support of Egyptian voters in a near unanimous endorsement

of his draft decree to preserve

the country's security against

demonstrators, rioters and

Nabawi Ismail, the Deputy Minister of the Interior,

announced today that 99.42 of

the voters had said "yes" to Mr Sadat's measures in yester-

day's referendum. The turn-out, was of 96.69 per cent of the

Under Mr Sadar's measures

demonstrators, rioters, sabo-teurs, members of secret para-military groups and others engaged in anti-state activities

will be punished by hard labour for life.

Severe penalties are also provided for tax evaders while people with a low income are

The measures are designed

exempted from all taxes.

Dr Waldheim fails to convince Mr Allon

Jerusalem, Feb 11 Dr Kurt Waldheim the United Nations Secretary-General, today repeated his view that the attitude of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the Middle East conflict had changed, but admitted that he had been unable to con-vince the Israeli Government Mr Allon, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said later that he had mainster, said later may he had not been convinced by Dr Waldheim's report that the PLO was becoming more moderate. Israel was prepared to hold talks with Palestinians, but not with the PLO.

At a press conference ending his two-day visit to Jerusalem, Dr Waldheim was questioned about his disclosure that Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, had told him that the PLO was prepared to accept a small state based on the West Bank and Gaza which constitued a de facto recognition of Israel. Dr Waldheim had not seen reports from Damascus that this had been denied by a PLO

spokesman,
Mr Arafat had spoken to
him about "a more flexible
attitude" by the PLO on this
issue, and had referred to "consequences of accepting a Palestinian entity which is different from what has been requested before".

Pressed further, Dr Waldheim said that Mr Arafat was specifically referring to the consequences of having a Palestinian state next to Israel. He had said that the Palestinian National Council would have to decide in March the PLO's future policy.

Asked whether he thought the PLO saw recognition of Israel and peace with it as part of an evolution towards a secular state, Dr Waldheim said he believed that they had in mind links with neighbouring countries such as Jordan.

Israeli government leaders had told him that they wanted the PLO to express itself in clear terms. The Government had emphasized that it was ready to go to Geneva at any time so long as it was on the same conditions as in 1973 (negotiations with Arab states

Dr Waldheim declined to speculate on what might happen if the Geneva conference was not reconvened. Asked if he saw a danger of war in this case, he replied:
"Not immediately".

to prevent any recurrence of last month's riots, against food price increases, in which about 80 people were killed and about 800 injured. Dr Waldheim said he had not seen any leaders from the West Bank during his visit because his itinerary had been arranged by the Israeli Government. Political observers in Cairo believe that the landslide sup-

port for Mr Sadat's decree is a confidence in his policies.

The President has repeatedly acknowledged that Egypt is facing acute economic prob-lems but has pledged to solve

He has said that the riots on January 18 and 19 were part of a plot to overthrow him and plunge the country into a bloodbath. He blamed the communists and implicitly the Soviet Union for the violence in which public and private

in which public and private property was damaged.

The observers also said that the result of the referendum was a defeat for the leftists who had urged the voters to reject the presidential

measures. The leftist Progressive Unionist Party has said that measures outlawing demonstrations and strikes have been set down in general terms without adequate explanation which will make "legal political acti-

vities risky."

The semi-official newspaper
Al Ahram reported today that two women university students were arrested in Cairo yesterday while distributing leaflets calling for a boycort of the referendum. Al Ahram said that they were members of a clandestine communist organization and had been sought by

Two members of the leftist party were also arrested in a Nile Delta village accused of inciting voters to reject the

Second day of fighting in Beirut suburbs

From Robert Fisk
Beirut, Feb 11
The Syrian Army is concentrating its attention on the suburbs of Beirut where, for the second consecutive day, Palestinian guerrillas and Syrian regular troops of the Arab League peacekeeping force fought each other this morning. At the Sabra Palestinian

refugee camp near Beirut airport, heavy mortar fire fell near the main road and tanks could heard manocuvering near

Brussels seeks 3% farm price limit will report to a meeting of EEC finance ministers on the impli-

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Feb 11

A recommendation that the average increase in guaranteed EEC farm prices for 1977-78 should be no more than 3 per cent was understood to be among the proposals adopted today by the European Commission for submission to the

It is expected that the Com-Council of Ministers. mission will balance the rela-The Commission's final farm tively low basic price increase price proposals are to be an-nounced at a press conference —the farmers themselves have asked for 7.4 per cent—by recommending adjustments to here tomorrow by Mr Finn Olav Gundelach. the Commissioner the "green rates" used for translating the EEC's common for Agriculture, and Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Commis-sioner for Budgetary Affairs. On Monday, Mr Tugendhat farm prices (fixed in units of no increase in the milk price account) into national curing April, to be followed by a rencies.

3 per cent rise in September.

In Britain's case, the pro-posed devaluation of the "green pound" (which acts as a subsidy on food imports and cations of the proposals for the Community's Budget. Traditionally, farm price support has accounted for about 70 per holds down the price paid to the farmer), combined with the cent of budget expenditure. final transitional steps towards EEC agriculture ministers will alignment with EEC price levels, also take their first look at the proposals.

alignment with EEC price levels, could increase farmers' prices by as much as 15 to 16 per

For Ireland the overall impact is likely to lie between 10 and 11 per cent.

In the surplus-ridden dairy sector, it is understood that the Commission will be recommending that there should be

Arafat help for election campaign of Mr Bhutto

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Feb 11 Mr Yassir Arafat, the Pales-

Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization
(PLO) leader, who has just
caded a three-day visit to Pakistan, has helped the election
campaign of Mr Bhutto, the
Prime Minister.

The opposition had claimed
that Mr Bhutto's foreign policy
had resulted in Pakistan losing
the support of the Muslim

the support of the Muslim states. But in a joint com-munique issued at the end of Mr Arafat's visit today, the PLO leader "expressed his appreciation of the far reaching

measures taken by Mr Bhutto for the social and economic bet-terment of the brotherly peoples of Pakistan".

Mr Arafat also recorded his appreciation of Mr Bhutto's support of the Acab and Palestinian cause and his vital con-tribution in mobilizing world support for the Palestinian Mr Bhutto, who is engaged in

gruelling campaign for the elections on March 7. spent several hours in his home at Larkana yesterday and on Wednesday in talks with Mr

Britain and America agree to try new initiative on Rhodesia

Diplomatic Correspondent After new discussions on the collapse of the Rhodesian negotiations, the United States and Britain have decided to make another effort to find a way out. Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, and his advisers will review possible choices this week, in the hope of defining a new

Last night Mr Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations, discussing his soundings in Africa with Mr Ivor Richard, who was chairman of the Geneva conference. Mr Young returns to New York to-day but Mr Richard, who was careful to say he was "neither optimistic nor pessimistic", will stay on for talks at the Foreign

Office.

The reason for this renewed burst of activity is that the British Government has concluded that it cannot stand aside and do nothing.

President Carter is taking a close interest in southern Africa and Mr Richard's taks this week with Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, were

can Secretary of State, were more than routine. The new Administration is evidently prepared to give active support in backing any future British efforts on Rhodesia.

The other new element in the equation is the talks between Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, and Mr Smith, Prime Minister of Rhodesia. The British and American ambassadors were summaned by Mr Vorster

immediately after his meetings in Cape Town with Mr Smith to review the position. Mr Smith has said that he wants to find an "internal solution" to the dispute by making an agreement with so-called moderate African leaders.

Mr Young has said he might recommend convening a multi-national conference on Rhodesia, to include repre-sentatives of the United States, Britain, Nigeria, Zaire, the five "front line" states (Zembia, Mozembique, Tanzania, Augola and Botswana) and Rhodesian nationalist leaders, but excluding Mr Smith's regime. The aim, he said, would be to unify the feuding black nationalist factions and to develop a common approach.

In Lusaka, the leaders of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front, Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkemo, said they would not attend another British-spon-sored conference unless the? had previous assurances on majority rule in Rhodesia. Our Salisbury Correspondent writes: The British Govern-men: was accused by the Rhodesian Government today of "refusing to face up to the truth" that the St Paul's mission massacre on Sunday was committed by guerrillas under the cortrol of Mr Mugabe. It was commenting on the rejection by the Foreign and Commonweakh Office of an invitation of the support of the suppo invitation to send an all-party Park mentary delevation to investigate the murder of the

Mr Botha to be Pretoria Foreign Minister

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, Feb 11

Mr Pik Botha, South African Ambassador in Washington and representative at the United Nations, is to become the country's next Foreign Minister. Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, announced in Cape Town today that he will succeed Dr Hilgard Muller, who has held the post for 13 years. Mr Botha is expected to take over after

Mr Botha's appointment will delight the verligte (progressive) clement in the ruling National Party who are pressing for racial reforms at home to enable South Africa to project a better image overseas. Botha is clearly identified with the party's reformist wing and in October, 1974, made a cele-brated speech at the United

In brief

Patricia Hearst

quest by Patricia Hearst, the

newspaper beiress convicted of

bank robbery, for a new trial on the ground that favourable

evidence was withheld at her

trial last year and misleading

evidence used, has been re-

She was jailed for seven years but is free on \$1.25m bail

New York, Feb 11 .- A United

Nations Security Council mis-

sion, drawn from Panama, India

and Libya, leaves on Tuesday to investigate the coup attempt alleged to have taken place in

Elaborate security precau-tions were taken at Heathrow

airport when King Khalid of Saudi Arabia arrived from

Riyadh for urgent medical treatment in London on his

Sakziminato, Feb 11— Twenty-three fishermen have been rescued from the Sea of

Japan after their boat, full of

mackerel, sank under an ex-

Prague, Feb 11.—A Czecho-slovak aircraft carrying mail

crashed near Bratislava airport today and airline sources said four of its crew of five were

Los Angeles, Feb 11.—Mr Steve Ford, the son of Mr Gerald Ford, the former Presi-dent, is to play a rodeo star in

a television series. He is a

Soviet tours to Saigon

Moscow, Feb 11.—Russian cruise ships will take Soviet

tourists to Ho Chi Min City,

TV role for Ford son

Mail plane crashes

until her appeal is heard

Coup scrutiny

Benin last month.

Catch 23

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Royal emergency

retrial refused

Nations saying that South Africa did not condone dis-crimination purely on the

grounds of race. However, the liberal line put forward by Mr Botha in New York so far has not been matched by any significant re-duction of racial discrimination in South Africa. It remains to be seen whether by being in the Cabinet his influence in favour of reform will be heeded by his

Government colleagues. Mr Botha, who is 43, is a career diplomat but spent several years in Parliament as the AIP for Wonderboom in the Transvaal. He was a member of South Africa's legal team which argued the South African case on South-West Africa (Namibia) before the Inter-national Court of Justice at the Hague between 1963 and 1966.

From Our Correspondent

Tanzania announced today

ing of Tanzania's border with

This move was apparently aimed at preventing Kenyan tourist operators from sharing

the benefits of Tanzanian tour-ism. More than 700 tourists who had travelled by road from

Kenya were trapped in Tan-zania when that country closed

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Feb 11

Representatives of six states that border the Chio river met in Cincinnati today to make plans to dead with the danger of serious flooding. The weather in the eastern United States has now would be serious and states has now would be stated to the states of the serious states and serious states are serious states as now would be serious states are now would be serious states as a serious states are serious states as serious states are serious states

States has now turned mild, after the severe cold of recent weeks, and officials are afraid there will be flooding as the

In Indiana sandbags are being stockpiled in towns along the river and plans have been made to evacuate resid-

dents. In Pennsylvania, state

authorities are trying to per-suade people to buy flood

River states

in US face

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snow and ice melt.

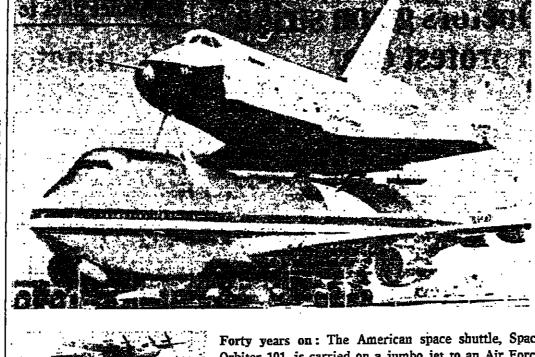
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formerly Saigon, for the first Mr Denktash talked for volvement in time this year, Tass said today. Mr Denktash talked for volvement in more than an hour about the United States.

Nairobi, Feb 11

Kenya.





Forty years on: The American space shuttle, Space Orbiter 101, is carried on a jumbo jet to an Air Force test area in California. In its first flight, next Friday, it will be released from the jumbo to glide to the ground. It was foreshadowed in 1937 by the British Mayo composite aircraft (left).

Catholic task force for South Africa

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Feb 11 The Roman Catholic Church in South Africa is to form a special rask force of priests and religious and lay workers to promote social justice and

development. In a declaration of commitment issued in Pretoria today, after the annual meeting of the Catholic Bishops Conference, it set out the guidelines for the new task force.

It said it could "direct special attention" to the growing numbers of unemployed, industrial workers in general and migrant workers in particular, workers' organizations, the thousands of black squatters living on the outskirts of big cities, political prisoners, detainees, banned persons and their dependants and other dis-

tressed and displaced groups.

The declaration of commitment is the most radical document ever produced by the Roman Catholic Church in

southern Africa. As a matter of extreme urgency, it was to investigate the feasibility of a pastoral con-sultation in which lay people, religious and priests in the large majority black, might participate with the bishops in arriving at a policy on church life, although excluding doctrinal and canonical matters.

There was need, the declara-

Tanzania bars Kenyan tourist traffic

the border last week.

that tourists would no longer be allowed to enter it by road from Nairobi (by services yet to be zania will be freed.

Kenya, even after the reopenestablished) will be allowed in. The post office here has

Tension over the closure of the border eased slightly today

when about 100 Kenyan drivers

who had been held in Tanzania

were allowed to return to

Nairobi, but without their buses

and lorries, and nearly 100 Tan-zanians, mainly employees of the grounded East African Air-ways, flew back to Tanzania.

Quebec question

Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said last night that it was "more than con-ceivable" that the American

people would worry about a dis-membered Canada becoming a sphere of influence for outside

may figure

From John Best

Ottawa, Feb 11

From Our Own Correspondent prospects of tomorrow's meet Nicosia, Feb 11 prospects of tomorrow's meet ing with the Greek Cypriot

On the eve of his second round of talks with President makarios, Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held a press reception in the Turish Cypriot leader, held in the Greek Cypriot president, which will be held in the presence of Dr Wald-heim, the United Nations Section 1000 or 1000

the Turish Cypriot leader, neur a press reception in the Turk. He said little about Dr wardish half of Nicosia tonight with heim, whom he obviously rethe apparent purpose of disgards as an observer at the talks rather than a mediator,

attempt to solve the constitu- but after criticizing American

tional and military problems of pressure on Turkey he roundly

he island condemned any political in-Mr Denktash talked for volvement in Cyprus by the

in Carter talks

tion said, to speed up the pro-motion of blacks to responsible functions and high office in the

church and to provide training for this purpose.

It also called for a new look at established social attitudes and customers and condemned "native", "Bentu", "boy" and "girl" for African adults. There should be an end to all

differentiation on purely racial grounds in the treatment of persons at church institutions and private houses. The racial segregation of congregations in churches should be scrapped. It also called on Catholics of all races, as part of their witness of making the church recognized as the church of the poor, to refrain from patronizing places which were reserved whites or for wealthy mixed

In a statement yesterday the bishops' conference called for an investigation into reports of "police brutality" during the black unrest since last June. This provoked an ancry challenge from General Gert Prinsloo, the Commissioner of Police, for the bisliops to produce any evidence of this. Today the conference secretary, the Very Rev Dominic Scholten, said: "When it comes to a head the Church will definitely be in a position to produce evidence."

However, Tanzania has given

advised people not to post letters to Tanzania. More than

groups.

Only tourists flying direct to no indication of when the many Tanzania from abroad, or flying Kenyan road vehicles and char-

Feud splits committee in search of assassins

From Michael Binyon Washington, Feb 11

An acrimonious dispute has broken out between the chair-man and the other members of the congressional committee set up to investigate the assassina-tions of President Kennedy and Dr Martin Luther King.

In a bizarre incident yesterday, Mr Henry Gonzalez, the chairman, abruptly ordered the dismissal of Mr Richard Sprague, the chief counsel. telling him to leave his offices in the Capitol by 5 pm but the other 11 members countermanded the order, saying the chaisman had no right to dismiss him without the committee's authority.

Mr Gonzalez had accused Mr Sprague of "divisive and deceitful conduct" and attempting to undermine his chairman-ship. Yesterday he asked to have Mr Sprague's name removed from the payroli, ordered the Capitol police to see that he was out of the building by 5 pm and then flew home to San Antonio, Texas.

The delegate from the District of Columbia quickly collected signatures from the other committee members, and gave the letter to Mr Sprague

The dispute increases the un-certainty already surrounding the committee, which has just been reestablished on an interim basis. Its first proposed budget of \$6m (£3.5m) was considered too expensive and doubts were also expressed about Mr Sprague's proposed

500 bags of mail cannot be two-year inquiry. delivered because the border is Earlier this week Mr Gonzalez still closed to Kenyan transcalled for a cut in the com-mittee's staff of 73 but Mr Tanzania closed the border in retaliation for what it considered to be Kenya's Sprague resisted any cut. The House of Representatives grounding of East African airways. Kenya denies this. given the committee until March

Mortgage company man's kidnapper arrested

From Peter Swafford New York, Feb 11

A gunman who had held an executive of a mortgage com-\$850,000 (£500,000).
Before releasing the hostage,

He reiterated, however, his belief that the election of a separatist Government in Quebec last November would not break up the confederation. the Indianapolis authorities while police waited outside accused him of not sticking to his side of the bargain, and he had dynamite there, which added that that sort of deal was not valid anyway Mr Trudeau told a press conference that the question "must be incredibly important, not only in Washington, but in most capitals of the world". not valid anyway Anthony Kiritsis,

distance".

takes top

There are fears that, apart from flooding, large blocks of ice may float down the rivers, damaging bridges and shipping.

He was prepared to discuss the matter with President Carter at their meeting in Wash-damaging bridges and shipping.

Anthony Kurisis, the man arrested, was himself a businessman who claimed to have been wronged by the mortgage company and demanded \$5m in arrested, was himself a busi-nessman who claimed to have

Bloodbath victor

Addis Ababa, Feb 11.— Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam has been appoin-

Ethiopian post

compensation. He had seized Mr Richard Hall, one of the company's executives, on Tuesday morning, and kept him in his own flat wearing handpany hostage for three days and his own flat wearing hand-two nights was arrested by police in Indianapolis last night after releasing his hostage. He Hall, Mr Kiritsis had led him appeared in court today on out into an open space, where charges of kidnapping and he spoke on television for nearly armed robbery. Bail was set at half an hour. He outlined his grievances against the company, and shouted at one point: "I'm a goddamn national hero and

> would go off if they tried to assault it. But after he had been arrested, investigators found that ell he had was two containers, apparently holding petrol, rigged to fall near a

burning candle. **Sudan Cabinet**

party meeting Khartum, Feb 11.-President Nimeiry of Sudan today announced the appointment of new ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance and the Inte-

rior as part of a Cabinet reshuffle.

recent conference of the ruling Sudan Socialist Union. No radical change of complexion in the new Cabinet was seen here as most members had pre-viously held Cabinet posts.

Mr El-Sharif El-Khatim becomes Finance Minister, and Mr Abdul Wahab Ibrahim,

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Dissident held for crime, wife told Moscow. Feb 11.—Dissident failed to report for questioning Ginsburg was arrested shortly last week.

sources said today that the wife of Dr Yuri Orlov, the detained dissident leader, had been told that her husband had committed a crime and was in Moscow's Lefortovo jail, a preliminary investigation centre of the KGB, the security police.

The news was given to Mrs
Irina Orlov by Mr Alexander

Tikhonov, a state prosecutor. He did not specify on what charges Dr Orlov was being

Dr Orlov, who heads a group scrutinizing Soviet fulfilment of scrutinizing Soviet full interest of human rights pledges in the 1975 Helsinki accords, was detained yesterday after returning from a week in the country. Tass news agency suggested he mass being held because he following a press attack on him-self and Alexander Ginsburg, another prominent dissident, Mr being

Tass said that during a ques-

tioning session at the Moscow prosecutor's office on February 1, after the discovery of anti-Soviet materials in his flat last month, Dr Orlov "conducted himself provocatively" and insulted officials. He did not appear at the office when summoned again, which is punish-

able by law.

"In view of this, Orlov was detained on February 10 in conformity with legal procedure", Tass said. According to his wife, the summons arrived after her hus-band fled Moscow fearing arrest

afterwards. Geneva: The United States is canvassing members of the United Nations Human Rights Commission about possible action on the recent arrest of Soviet dissidents. The move, announced by Mr Allard Lowen-stein, chief American delegate, surprised Mr Valerian Zorin, the Soviet delegate, who said the issue was not on the agenda.

ted chairman of Ethiopia's ruling military council to replace Brigadier-General Teferi Bante, who was killed in a palace gun battle last week, A Government spokesman said the second vice-chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel Atnafu Abate, would replace Colonel The commission had no powers to investigate the Soviet Union's to investigate the Soviet Union's internal affairs.
Paris: Rudolf Nureyev, the bellet dancer, who defected 16 years ago, has been trying for 14 years to get a visa for his mother, aged 72, to visit him, he said in a radio interview.—
Reuter. Mengistu as the council's first vice-chairman.

The council has been meeting since Monday to consider replacements for General Teferiand six top members of the Dergue killed in the Grand Palace shooting.—Reuter.

US warned off Cyprus by Mr Denktash changed after Mr Clark Clifford, President Carter's special envoy, is due in Nicosia later this month and Mr Denktash went to the great lengths to tell his listeners the United States had "no role at all and should keep a friendly

After commenting rather bitterly on the Greek lobby in the United States, Mr Denk-The changes come after a tash tonight made it clear that he did not welcome any initia-tives from Mr Carter.

> Dr Mausour Khalid, becomes Foreign Minister, while retaining his post of assistant to the President for coordination.

chief of public security, takes over the Interior Ministry, while retaining his old post. President Nimeiry, in a television broadcast, thanked the former Cabinet for the "miracle" they had produced, and said that the new Cabinet represented new methods but the same goals.—Reuter.

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ping of the typewriter. In the stand. stone-flagged kitchen, she But it was Sydney Woods would hear the heavy tread of who won Miss Vincent's heart. the biographer in the room overhead, the footsteps pacing to and fro in search of the about him that reminded Miss phrases that would bring Vincent of her father the Vincent of her father the brickmaker. The physical world obeyed Sydney: while the radio shrilled to the Top Twenty, she watched his paintwas Susan Vincent's property.

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cloak, a velvet suit and a

fedora hat, the biographer was

Simon, had come to regard

Bamford Chetwynd as some-

cent a good deal of money, and the strain had even begun to tell on Bamford Chetwynd: more and more, the dashing

Regency Buck of past years

had come to suggest a retired jockey too fond of the bottle. The force of the biographer's attack had always been miti-gated by shortness of stature.

A devoted friend, an Oxford

don, had once compared Bam to a bust of Radclyffe Hall, Susan Vincent was a gentle

gave her sufficient purpose in life, and seeing the garden at

Midsomer Cottage for the first

time, she had felt a lift of the

By sutum, house and garden were hers. Still in the London flat, she started order-

ing plants from the best nur-

series. A stroke of fortune took Bam to Paris for

research. Rejoicing in her solitude, Miss Vincent got into her sports car and headed

westward. She put up at the King's Arms in the nearest country town. When her pur-

chases arrived, she went to

work in the garden, planting according to a plan she had

drawn up on squared paper.

The days were sumy, the work

went well, and she was happy, laughing and talking to herself as she encouraged the rangled roots into the black loam.

"Vita, Vita", she mumured to herself, "I honour you in my breeches and my observances."

And she began to have visions

of opening the garden to the public, in a year or two's time, in aid of the District Nurses.

From the house during these

still October days there

of Sissinghurst.

ladies, Madame de Maintenon, lems to worry her. Madame de Sevigné and The first was that Sydney, Madame de Sevigné aud Madame de Stael-"Enough too, was a great gardener. madams ", their New York pub-lisher remarked, "to run a beside her while she unpacked whole street in New Orleans." them.
"They'll never answer," he Even with American sales,

however, the total royalties said. "Not in our soil." were hardly sufficient to keep the author in cigars and brandy. It was Susan Vincent, ure, he kept offering great sole daughter of a successful clumps of delphinium and gobbrickmaker, who had provided the financial background for like the dry faeces of dogs. all this creative effort. "They shout the wayer she had chow?" he said. It was quite the wayer she had chow? he said. It was quite the wayer she had chow? "They'll give you a proper show", he said. It was quite Throughout the years she had listened for the typewriter and useless telling him about the hearing it, had been content, white garden at Sissinghurst. knowing that dear "Bam" was The same thing happened with work again.

we getables: his cabbages, the
When Susan Vincent told size of footballs, and his scarpeople that she had bougut the let runners as sinewy as Wilishire house because she own arms won prizes at the longed to create a garden of Flower Show every year. How her own, her friends guessed could she explain to him that could she explain to him that

to the more accessible forms of London society, putting in regular appearances. lishers' parties, meetings of the and complicity must come to an end. Soon the house would be ready; soon there would be the delivery of the furniture Society of Literature. Wearing and pictures, and after that the advent of Bam. Long ago a conspicuous figure. Oldish, much-educated young men, many of whom were called them to find anusing non-senses at the London auctions, and some of these had turne thing between a joke and a cult-object. "Life-enhancing," they said, "Bam's so life-enhancing." Just keeping life enhanced had cost Susan Vinout to be of value. They had bought gilded furniture, some Victoriana, and pictures by young painters who were now either dead or famous.

On the day when the remov-al men had come and gone, Sydney and Kevin dropped in to help Miss Vincent ridy up. Sydney inspected everything in a bristling silence. He kept looking at her and his look was very odd and disquieting. It seemed to involve pity, though she could not be sure of this. There was nothing she

with large strong hands and an odd, wild glint in her eyes. Looking after Bam no longer tour of the house. "Only for Charlene", he said. "I'd have liked to go in for this sort of line." As he was leaving, he talked more about Charlene, whose operation was to take place the following week. Miss Vincent felt a sudden sympa-thetic throb in her own barren tubes. Unwillingly she revived a childhood memory of Florry, an adored golden retriever whom Father had ordered spayed, and who had died at the hands of a drunken yet. time, she had rest a mit or me heart. The countryside around was fertile, the trees in the park land grew tall and the stream had deposited centuries of rich dark soil. The local of rich dark soil. The local people were great gardeners, and from early summer their herbaceous borders shocked the rema with a violent clash of colours. Miss Vincent's plans were for something very different. She held Gentrade Jekyll in high esteem, and Mrs Fish, the goddess of "ground cover". But most of all she invoked Victoria Sackville-West of Sissinghurst. Bam arrived the following Saturday, brought down by Simon and his new friend, who were spending the weekend at a very grand house some thirty miles farther west. Simon and his friend approved of Mid-

> praying that Sydney would not choose this moment to put in an appearance. Of course, he would be certain to confront Bam sooner or later, but she wanted something of the plea-

> Bam. That night he was killed on his motor-bike at the corner where the lane from the vil-lage joined the main road. Mrs Weller, the daily whom Miss-Vincent had just found, arrived on Monday morning with her features set in dramanc gloom. Momentarily dis-comfitted by the fact that Miss Vincent had already heard the news, Mrs Weller looked around for something disobliging to say about Sydney: a newcomer to the village mustn't be allowed to get the upper

Sydney was forzy, smaller than Kevin, and there was some-thing compact and controlled and wainscoting. He seemed to These were devoted to the house and the future garden.

In recent years Bam had France and Italy, considered of the more acceptable addicted such prodictes to him that

could say.

Kevin on the other hand was entirely fascinated, and she offered to give him a guided

somer Cottage: they planned parties, fetes champetres, for the new garden in the summer.

That evening, while she was cooking Spanish omelettes, Miss Vincent found herself sure of these past weeks to be prolonged for yet another day. Sydney never set eyes on

"They say," she remarked oftily, "they say he was emerged the constant sound of loftily, "they say he was National Health speciacles and translator radios. Two drunk. He and Mrs Woods jeans and sweaters from the workmen were busy building wasn't getting along too well." Menswear at Marks and Miss Vincent turned round Spencer, yet the total impression shelves. Soon they would in the sink in tears, "Oh storn remained gently ludicrous.

Mrs Weller," she said, "he was

such a nice man."
She kept remembering Sydney through the idle days of winter, when there was little winter, when there was little to do in the garden. The earth was quiet, full of promises for the spring. Though she trusted her own skills, there was always some doubt as to what would flourish, what would need cherishing, and what would die out without trace. In the upper room overlooking the garden, Bamford Chetwynd's biography of Madame Dudevaur, otherwise known as Georges Sand, was proceeding well. Parcels of books arrived from the London Library, and the postman brought letters and photostats from distant and photostats from distant collections. Meanwhile, the stream overflowed into the water garden and some of the new Iris Kaempferi were lost.

One day Kevin turned up. He was dying to tell Miss Vin-cent that Charlene and he had been accepted as adoptive parents of a little girl. Unfor-tunately that morning she was out shopping in the county

town. She returned to find Bam stumping up and down in fury.
"I told him to go about his business, whatever that might be." A cigar butt flew through the window into the sleeping garden. "We're not interested in having squalling brats around. Not content with spawning their own, the lower orders now take in other peo-

ple's by-blows." Susan Vincent was quite hor-rified. What would the whole village think? Then she reflected that, except for herself, no one, not even the Simons, The monocle, the fedora, the choak had by now given way to

Spring came at last. Colour returned first to the willows along the stream. New shoots appeared in the flower-beds under the windows.

"I see you got a nice lot of daffs around", Mrs Weller remarked. "They'll make a lovely show later on." "No, no, they're not daffo-dils. At least, they're the same family but special ones. I saw them first at Wisley."

Since Bamford Cherwynd had been around people had begun to book at Miss Vincent with kindly pity. "They seem just like ordinary daffs to me, dear, but you know best." A few weeks later, Miss Vin-

"Were there daffodils here last year?"

remember I told you, those lot never planted a thing. Everyone passed comments."

Miss Viocent wrote to the bulb merchants, who denied the possibility of a mistake. By this time the garden was as full of bright yellow as the others in the village.

Bamford Chetwynd was sca-ing. "Daffodils always thing. "Daffodils remind me of trine." The other kept her temper. "You mean dandelions." Bam snorted and returned to

Mme Dudevant's affairs. By midsummer the garden was a total disaster: it looked like something off a Wool-worth's calendar, or a picture to be cross-stitched on a teaaubretia and yellow alyssum done their worst, then pillar-box red poppies hurt the eyes, clashing with the hard orange of marigolds. Delphiniums and dahlias were on the way. Among the vegetables, the carefully selected variety of french beans turned out to be scarlet runners, the courgettes swelled into vegetable marrows fit only for harvest festivals or

produced a comment from Mrs whine of a Black and Decker Weller: "You've a nice row of swedes there. Should see you right through the winter." Susan Vincent resigned her-

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self and tended these monstrosities diligently. She knew there-was some disorder, some primal fault in the make-up of things, but she did not protest. Like herself, the garden was a prey to forces that she flinched from trying to understand. Sydney Woods had won her heart and was proclaiming his triumph: everything was just as he would have wanted

Simon, passing through with a new friend, said: "It's quite wonderful, Vince. It's all so marvellously —". He stopped short, since the word he was about to utter was no longer at all fashionable. His friend Rodney, a hairdresser from Mitcham, was less inhibited.

"It's so camp, Vince", he said. "You've got the first camp garden!"

A year had passed since her first meeting with Sydney, and he seemed to be always closer to her. It seemed as though the house had been blessed: dripping taps had righted themselves: a window, found to be stuck, opened easily the following morning. Then he came nearer still. Sometimes in the garden she smelled smoke. It was neither a bontire nor the unmistakable whiff of Bamford Chetwynd's cigars: she recognized the Player's Weights that Sydney always used. And other smells followed: the tweed of his old Kevin asked if Charlene jacket, the swear of his but-might see round the house. toned undervest—unlike Kevin he had never stripped down to

odours are among the most frequent of hellucinations. But now to them were added snatches of pop music from unseen radios, and the brisk ginger jam. Purple kohl-rabi

drill. She would dart 110m room to room in search of eyes closed, her forehead against the door jamb.

She wondered whether she should consult a doctor. This meant going outside the vil-lage, and she was fearful of arousing Bam's suspicions. As it happened, the biographer was in a creative fury: Madame Dudevant had the un-fortunate habit of falling for young men; in each case, new evidence had to be found to show that the affair might pos-sibly have remained unconsum-

> Miss Vincent met Kevin in the village, in great excitement because he and his wife had just been to bring home their adopted daughter. He offered to bring the baby for her to see, and that evening he and Charlene came across the bridge pushing a glittering new pram. Pulling off ber gardening gloves, she went across to meet them, but always at her back she felt the

baleful gaze of Bam at the win-dow of the workroom. Charlene, a thin-faced girl with dragon-fly speciacles, handed over the small soursmelling bundle. Miss Vincent was surprised to discover an instinctive skill at holding babies. She felt full of love for the baby, and for Kevin and Charlene. When she compared them with Bam and the Simons, she was shaken by a sense of the incompleteness of

per world. "Of course. Come along."

the had never stripped down to
As she took them upstairs, the sound of the typewriter
Miss Vincent knew well that suddenly ceased. Silence oozed under the workroom door: it was almost, she thought, as though one were harbouring something like the Glamis monster.

When Kevin and Charlene left, Susan Vincent sat in an armchair with her eyes closed. She had a vision of herself cigarette end lazily free and alone at Midsomer at the centre.

Cottage, a gruff, gardening spinster perhaps, but on friendly terms with all the village. There must be further Kevins and Charlenes to con-Kevins and Charlenes to confide in her, more and more damp babies for her to hold, even perhaps other Sydneys for her to know. He was very close to her now; she even felt that, somehow, he was watching her.

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ing her.
She opened her eyes. It was Silent, stur suntion, Vince's fat cheque to expenses of a prolon; "How dare you i How dare Paris."
You've been over

you bring those appalling lours "You've been over trampling round the house! Miss Vincent had so thus throwing the wished to destroy my work."

"You've been over the bring throwing the Bam's court. "Kevin wanted his wife to see it, that's all." "Kevin! I can't make out

what's come over you. Are you ill? You seemed besotted with these peasants." "No, I'm not ill. They're a

nice young couple. I like them."
"It's him, isn't it? You fancy him, don't you? After all we've stood for. That's how ir's ended." "Nothing has ended."

"You've shown not the slightest interest in this new book I'm doing. You've made no effort to understand my work. You've changed all right, and you think I don't know why." Bam emitted a sudden, rasping sniff, "You never even call me Bambino any more."

Miss Vincent did not answer, but she gave an odd wild laugh, like a tropical bird. A frequent desire after such incidents is to stare at one's radio was playing on own face, to make sure that year's pop times. For one is still the same person time, she heard footstey

that one was before.

In the downstairs lavatory the smell of cigarettes was overpowering. The seat was up,

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orange, with bub breaking at the ed Miss Vincent eyes. Her hand fel plug and pulled. A water put an en-vision.

At the airport, embraces were excha-the dry pecks of cu watched the biograpi off down the ramp, stout offended figure.

And then she dre down the old road, so passed Stonehenge ju afternoon light was a long rays through the stones. Then Silbt across Salisbury P.

Ahead of her lay E
the serpent banish
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prepared for her for
ing year? The con
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olent spirit remained.
She unlocked the
radio was playing on

She lay down on

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Collecting

Valentines for everyone

Some needed delicate repairs. In certain valentines, paper doves and butterflies are strached by human hairs, so that when blown, they flutter about. (How sweetly pretty! How charmingly quaint!) For first-aid on these, Mr Anstee "had to get hairs from a blonde I know". The final stage was research into the makers who signed some of the valentines: Fronk Staff's book gives information on these. Here is a list of the main categories on show, with prices. year as February 14 on the horizon, someor other an article is id, with a piece of lacy e for illustration, on the of Valentines. It is of Valentines. It is written by some dear in the style of Violeth Bott, with many a v pretty and "charmquaint". One finishes it with the feeling that mine richly deserved yrdom—an unromantic with clubs and an axe he year 270, on the f the Prefect of Rome. gories on show, with prices. Pre-Victorian: These are rare ly, it was only by com-cident that Valentine the patron saint of all we know of him was and therefore expensive. Mr Anstee has a cut paper heart with kissing lovebirds and flowers, with a cupid holding a was a particularly iest who suffered from winged and pierced heart as a kite hand-painted in the centre of the valentine, a temple of love in the background. It is fits. His festival be-ociated with love solely its date roughly coin-with the lascivious of Lupercalia which the imported into Britain, or odd fact: the Italians dated January 1, 1797-Mr Austee has noticed that several of the earlier valentines bear dates other than February 14. It is offered, in a velvet-lined leather case, at £85. A it, historically, much the sending of love r cards on Valentine's handsome valentine showing a Napoleonic-style soldier and his was the stolid northern of England and the sweetheart and dated December 25, 1816, is £55; a cut-paper heart dated July 18, 1827, £65. nds, to some extent ch, and later of course Puzzle Valentines. The most common of these is the tradi-tional "true lovers' knot", which looks like a snake basket after the snake-charmer had ricans, who were willbe sentimental about

that could be commeroloited. nd to spare you a f the Valentine. I shall been playing a piece by Schoenberg. An amorous inscription runs round the knot. Rebus quotations from John Lydgate or Herfor "I" and so on, are also common. "Puzzle purses" were popular. Until folded in account of the men-valentines in the etters: no coy anec-out peeking through on Valentine's mornthe correct way by the recipient, its message was gibberish. Mr Anstee has one incorporating valentines' names oxes at school, or the ing a lovers' knot for £85. gloves and ribbons. Embossed: A development of the early nineteenth century. int the formal history, vellously presented in ntine and its Origins Staff (1969) published best-known manufacturer of embossed valentines was H. Dobbs & Co, who started busiica by Praeger at lough I am afraid it is ness as fancy paper manufacturers and stationers in London in 1803. The earliest and scarto obtain in this

in 1805. The earliest and scar-cest of their valentines are marked "Dobbs Patent" and "Dobbs". These marks were followed by "Dobbs & Co". After 1838 the imprint was changed to "H. Dobbs & Co"; in 1845-46 to "Dobbs Bailey & Co" and finally after 1851 to

in 1845-46 to "Dobos Bauley & Co" and finally, after 1851, to "Dobbs, Kidd & Co". Bayly's Gallery have a "links of love" design marked "Dobbs Kidd" at £20. The message is "Thou art the spring of all my joy."

art the spring of all my joy" and in the circlet of links

appear the qualities expected

Lace-paper: A development from the embossed. The inven-

tion of lace-paper-making is credited to Joseph Adden-brooke who had worked for

Dobbs. Before 1340, paper to be embossed was laid on a die and then hammered out with a

lead hammer. By accident in 1834 Addenbrooke hit on the

idea of filing off the raised part

of the paper which was laid on

the die, thus creating a lacy effect. Lace-edge valentines became the favourite type, and Mr Anstee has hundreds, mostly between £4 and £20 in price

Bee-bive: An ingenious kind

by which the apparently flat design is lifted by a thread into a cut-out bee-hive, inside which are revealed two red

from the loved one.

I recommend that long to a comprehendelightful exhibition nes at Bayly's Gallery, s Arcade, Piccadilly, ch is open until Feb-(weekdays, 19 am Saturday 19 am to nd, to prime you for , I will list the main valentine in roughly

Anstee, who runs allery, has been hunttwo years for fine He has assembled nines, covering every their development

eighteenth century The most expensive is there are traysful at The valentines are in lition, because people em carefully; unforthey did not usually envelopes, many of a embossed or decor-uite with the valen-

tee bought many of nines pasted into e soaked them off, cleaned the blobs of wet valentine with "For some of the hter fuel coped with Then the valentine ed in blotting-paper ghts, and ironed if I had a factory in i had a factory in some similar emblem of love.

"Mr Anstee said. Mr Anstee has an 1840s exmittees were divided with labels indicated.

in different trades. One, marked by J. T. Wood of 278 and 279 Strand, London, is offered by Bayly's Gallery at £20. It is addressed to a milliner, with the appropriate jingle: My Bonnet-making Miss look

Or else you muy get very stout,
For I have heard you often go
To Cremorne, and places not
culled slow.
Pray stick to your needle and thread

And leave the wicked path you

Which brings me to a surpris-

ingly large category: Offensive: Many of the valen-tines at Bayly's Gallery are not just comic, in the manner of so nany modern valentines, but really nasty. One is a car that sticks his tongue out when a tab is pulled, with the inscription "Spiteful as a cat!" A long card of 1910 known as a "skinny-lizzie", reads: You smirking, sniggling, gush-

To jascinate you vainly try. Your Cheshire cat expression is Enough to make me wish to die. The girls could get their own back. A Victorian card of a man with Dundreary whiskers lifts up to reveal a grizzly bear. with the verse: My friend you're rather stout

to be
A fitting valentine for me.
Through life I own I'd hardly

To lead about a do ing bear.
This is one of a set of 12, offered by Bayly's at £12 each. Smelly: Sachet valentines were issued by Rimmel of the Strand, impregnated with violets or lilies of the valley. Bayly's have a few examples from £4 to £8. Banknote: in the form of the old £5, inscribed in flowing

copperplate "Bank of True Love. I promise to pay to Miss . . . the homage and never failing devotion of sincere affection. 1847 Feby. 14th. Hymen's Temple." The note is signed "Cupid". Bayly's offer one at £25—a reasonable rate of inflation. tion.

Chromolithograph: The most sought-after were designed by Walter Crane and Kate Green-away for Marcus Ward in the 1870s and 1880s. Mr Anstee has some between £20 and £25.

Envelopes: Mr Anstee bought one large album in which valen-tines had been pasted with their envelopes. Not only are some of the envelopes very attractive, they are also stamped and dated. The valentines in the album were addressed to members of the Brushfield family at lunatic asylums in Woking and Chester: it is presumed that their parents were on the staff rather than that they were all inmates. Mrs Hannah Brushfield, with a kindly eye towards posterity, has written in the

In case this book should ever get into a great home, I will tell the reason of getting so many. One of my sons was born on the 14th February and he was named "Valentine". Consequently the others benefitted [sic] by the event I don't think there are many left now as the pretty picture postcards have quite superseded them. They will be unique in a few years I went

How right she was. I went to a Fleet Street stationers to inspect the valentines of 1977. Pride of place was given to one in the form of a large dartboard, with the sweetly quaint legend: "I wanna make you my

Bevis Hillier



with labels indicat- Occupational: Valentines Lithograph valentine, c 1880. The figure lifts up to reveal a tage each was at ". designed to be sent to misses grizzly bear. One of a set of 12 at £12 caca.

Good Food Guide

Nights to remember

ts, a claret-lover to ting of beauty was a ver, would have had contemplating terality of even the urant meal. But as ise inexprably rises, ime that elapses besuch meal and the to be stretched, more people need to put a the memory as well erience. emory is a complex

ween the palate and , and it varies mar-ti the individual, but th a professional rea-ultivate the faculty : while the samencess ranco-British cooking slands faces into obhin the week if im-are not written down ne, the serious work lividual artist can be months after the people, by and large.

ink of their meals in which is why the iritish family would end "spare" money umer "durable" that moken beyond repair or two, rather than a um on a meal in one best restaurants in hich in one sense is ening gone, but may ess linger, recollected llity, for years. mmediately raises—

at holiday-planning ear—the question that take many enjoyable to answer: where will ill it be Normandy or e? Will the itinerary norning's drive to the brothers' Auberge

at Illhaeusern in r to Les Landes, for luérard's elevation of at Eugénie-les-Bains? ources—human and of the Good Food nfortunately do not to a comprehensive with a view to ig a best buy. But its s do get hither and ver a period of time, their taste-buds where A and there follows a of their impressions.

age of its chef-proprietor, an cz-lawyer called Raymond Thuitier, and his achievement in building up over the 30 years of his second career (or third, if one counts his painting) a restaurant and hotel that its summer has the halforners. in summer has the helicopters of the rich and beautiful buzzing round the tree-shaded terrace and turquoise swimming-pool like wasps round a honey-pot. Thuilier did not buy this now much adorned Provencal farmhouse to watch other people cook, and still runs his own kitchen, emerging in working whites to greet his guests. This saving simplicity rescues the exquisitely cooked and presented food from selfconsciousness. Apart from the sheer excellence of the materials, it is the sense of detail that strikes a British visitor: the service of the light but densely flavoured mousseline de rouget from a terrine with a wet spoon on to an iced plate, and the streak of saffron garnishing the mayonnaise-like tarregou sauce that accompanied it; the yellow flower that decorated the famous agnesu en croute (a rugby ball of exquisite pastry, rose meat, coarse-cut pate, and lambent juices); the green lemons speared on to the top of the

roast duck. It would have been a pleasure to make a meal out of the grain dauphinoise pototoes, the ratatouille and the friandises alone, but another sure sign—in France—of Baumanière's exceptional quality manière's exceptional quality as a restaurant was the desserts, which arrived on two
trolleys, one for patisserie, the
other for ice-creams, sorbets
and fruit. Someone in the
kitchen had achieved a crisp
tarte aux framboises which
made the raspberries taste better than they would have done
fresh, yet without the aid of fresh, yet without the aid of any obvious liquor or vapilla in the glaze. The vanilla icecream and the lemon sorbet would also have been hard to

improve upon. "The older waitresses serve better than the swan-like young men." our visitor conde Benmanière, down ments. Allow at least £20 a dish, noisettes de porc atx C Times News from Les Baux-de-Pro- laims attention first, only because of the state o

occasion tempt you to eat the whole menu at once.

Barrier at Tours-in a row of unimportant buildings next onor to a naisy brasserie-nas uality without its elegance and patina. "Some restaurateurs employ expensive interior decorators to create a miseanscine independent of the cuisine. We suspect that M Barrier designed his own restaurant under the influence of
jin-desiecle, early Odeon, and
fifties tubular. However,
the immense chandeliers, the
courtyard with floodlit plants,
the aspidistrus, and the eveloramic photograph of Chambord make a suitably serious
impression. employ expensive interior dec-

impression. So does the food, though one of the main cishes here, poulst saute au vinaigre de framboises, was a distinct setbackton uninteresting chicken in an unultrective (and separated) sweet-sour sauce. But the fish dishes had set a light the fish dish standard, for they inhigh standard, for they in-cluded a memorable terrine aux trois poissons de Loire, served with a herbily-green mayonnaise, and another fresh-water fish, sandre, charcoal-grilled and served with an admirable beaute blant. The

admirable beaute blane. The best main dish tried was one that—wisely—few French restaurants in Britain would attempt: a pigs trotter, boned and stuffed with a truffled quenelle-like mixture. The best dessert, too, showed a French reverence for a substance too familiar here to catch the imagination: sorbet de the au lotus, "incredibly delicate and fragrant". The meal was paced by a procession of fine Luire wines in half-bottle: Touraine Sauvignon, Chinon, and the Courty-a dry '55 and with the dessert a remarkable sweet '47, only just beginning to turn '47, only just beginning to turn colour. With lesser wines, the

There was also a disappointment to be recorded at another much-admired Loire restaurant, Hosten in Langeais. "I cook that famous Tournine

bill could be kept under £20 a

courtesy due to the advanced lier's own label, and try not to than fried pork chop, with a age of its chef-proprietor, an let the once-for-allness of the mound of prunes." The balance of the set meal was also open to criticism: the presentation in a menu that already incades not just the pork, but salmon with a beurre blanc-sauce at the beginning and a masterly ice-cream at the end is a considerable insult to the liver, even if it shows that the Minceur school of cookery is not having everything its own

there are at least a couple of excellent places within a day-trip's reach of the Channel ports. The best-known is un-countedly the Atlantic Hotel at though the staff evidently get more admiration from Englishspeaking visitors than is good
for them, the quality is undeniable, especially perhaps between September and April
when they can make their
coquilles Sr Jacques au cham-

Preferably, though, is the tiny restaurant Chataigner, at Le Touquet, whose patron is a comparatively recent refugee from Paris, and has only eight tables, and closes on weekdays and for the winter. M Chataigner is a Nantais, and has been making his beurre blanc with the local product for 40 years. "Even now it does not always work", he says, to encourage the others, but there is no better in France, espe-cially with scallops. Allow F15 a head, and more for the Atlantic. Gustau de Baumanière, Les Baux-de-Provence, Tel 97.33.07. Till 10 pm.

Barrier, 2 rue Gambetta Lan-geais. Tel 55.82.12. Till 9 pm. Closed Tuesday; December, January November Easter.

gratia dauphinoise potatoes

pagne—" plat d'une grande finesse", as M Hamiot justly

Atiantic Hotel, Wimereux. Tel. 32.41.01. Till 10 pm. Chataigner, 187, bd de la Mer, Le Touquet. Tel 05.00.68. Closed Monday to Friday; C Times Newspapers Ltd and (Consumers' Ass. Food Guide
Association and

recently introduced, others un-fairly neglected. The British tend to be conservative drinkers, and they miss many excellent bargains because of too-slavish

Drink

Revealing

the reds

adherence to "known names". A very fine Swiss red is the 1975 St Saphorin Grand Croix, which costs £3.98 from Duchy Vintners, 9 New Bridge Street, Truro, Cornwall. This firm have a sound short list of both classics and novelties. The St Saphorin is a very well made, silky fragrant drink, with a markedly elegant bouquet and crisp, delicately fruity flavour—for special occasions and fine, not too strongly flavoured food.

Another curiosity is a red wine from Bingen, Binger St Rochuskapelle Rotwein, 1974, German-bottled, from Turner Fanshawe, Old Brewery Buildings, Trinity Street, Halstead, Essex, £1.62. The red German wines can seem rather light for wines can seem rather light for lovers of French classics, but this is quite definite in style, although not too serious—a
"fun" wine, slightly darker in
colour than a southern rose,
with a crisp, fruity character and a lingering sweetness, alchough its initial impact is quite dry. It would be most enjoyable served chilled on a stuffy day as an aperitif or you could even drink it with a plain fresh fruit salad, as it is quite firm enough to make an impres sion after another wine.

Findlater, Matta, 92 Wigmore Street, W1, always have a good range of the excellent South African wines which remain bargains in relation to their quality. The red Cinsaut, 1974, may be new to many, as this grape, used in conjunction with others for a number of Rhone wines, is not often seen in the northern hemisphere by itself. The South African reds have one handicap—they are in such demand in their homeland that supplies are limited, especially as these reds benefit by at least six months bottle age; anyone serving them will find they show themselves off to more advan-tage if they can be decanted or at least opened three to five hours before they are served. The Cinsaut, moderately fruity, with a firm style and good back taste, possesses unexpected charm because of its pronounced raspberry-like bouquet. It is a good wine for occasions when people want something immediately easy to appreciate (Cinsut 1974, £2, from Findlater Matta).

These wines are all suf-ficiently new to provoke conversation and serious appraisal by wine lovers. But two categories that have been on sale for some time that are still low in price for the quality they offer are wines from the north of Italy, and the red wines of the Loire Both deserve to be bought and judged on their merits—no one can like all wines, but it is un-doubtedly wise to buy a littleknown wine as good as it can possibly be, rather than "drink the label" of something bearing a famous name that is of indifferent quality ably of a price that takes it out of the "everyday drink" class.

Caldorino is a Trentino wine the Alto Adige north Italian reds are beginning to be known, but this is slightly different, possibly more full, but with the same freshness and brisk appeal. It comes from Ellis Son & Vidler, 66 Warwick Square, SW, and 29 White Rock, Hast ings, the bottle costing £1.22, the 11-litre size (admirable for the 11-litre size (admirable for family purposes) £2.52. Then there are two Merlots: one from Trento, Italian bottled, from Girelli (£1.14 from Turner Fanshawe) and a Merlot del Piave. Annunziata 1972, DOC (£1.78 from Findlater Matta). The Girelli wine is very dark an amiable, easy drink the Annuoriata is a more sensitive, lightly tawny red, with a com-plex bouquet. They would make a good pair served together, in the order given here. Because of its almost obvious fragrance and gentle style, the Merlot makes vines that are sure to be liked by those who may

find the tannin of many reds too "sharp" for them. The Cabernet Franc makes way.

Rather than pick other restaurants from the deep heart aurants from the deep heart of France, it seems kinder to remind British readers that there are at least a couple of the displacement of the disp For other drinkers, nowaday the red Loires made from the Gamay possess the fruit and Gamav possess the fruit and roundness of good Beaujolais, plus the cool style of this more northern vineyard. There is a very "moreich" Gamay of this kind from Russell & Mctver, The Old Rectory, St Marv at Hill, EC3, for 51.50. The reds of Chinon, Bourgueil and St Nicolas de Pourgueil are listed by many, but Saumur-Champigny, which has a deep fruitness but very marked freshness, may not yet be videly known. A good one is the 1973 Clos des Cordeliers, domaine bottled by A gron one is the 1975 Clos cest Cordeliers, domaine hottled by Rotron Frères, which French & Foreign Wines can supply the unmixed case only) for \$27.60. These are superb wines for rich food, such as rork, roast ducking or anything unpersons.

A very fine Anjou Rouge de Cépage Caberner, shinped by Reyoier, is the Locis de la Giraudière 1975, mise Domaine des Baumard—this producer makes superb white wines, both der and cure and chirales. dry and sweet, and this red, with its enticinally refreshing bouquet, reminiscent of spring hedgerows under the rain, is a long, cristroratic wine which sives the lie to these who say the red Loires are not wines to merit discussion (£2.65 from Fields, 55 Sloane Avenue, SW3). True, the red Leires are only for the sincere lover of really dry wines—but the north Italian Merlots will please lurgains that should not be

Pamela Vandyke Price

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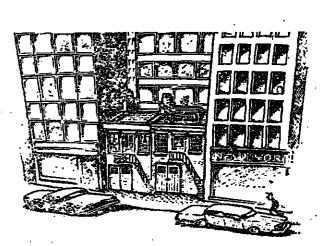
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Broadcasting Saturday

All You Need Is Love (ITV 10.30) is an excellently researched history of popular music by the acerbic Tony Palmer; subtitled and acclaimed film The Confessions of Winifred Wagner (BBC2 8.10) delves into the life and times of the composer's daughter-in-law, and Serpico (BBC1 9.10) is the American detective fighting crime within his own force.

BBC 1 8.50 am, Mister Men. 9.05, Indoors Outdoors. 9.30, Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.25, Football Focus: 12.50 1.40 12.25, Football Focus; 12.50, 1.40 Tennis, Great Britain v Spain; 1.20, 1.50, 2.30, Racing from New-bury; 2.10, 2.50, Snooter, Benson bury: 2.10, 2.50, Snoother, Benson and Hedges Masters Final; 3.20, 3.50, Rubby, Warrington v St Helens; 4.55, Final Score, 5.05, Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle. 5.30 News. 5.45 Jim'll Fix It.

Film: Beneath the Twelve Mile Reef, with Robert Wagner, Terry Moore, Richard Boone, Glibert Round. Ronnie Corbett's Saturday

Serpico, with David Birney. News.
Match of the Day.
Parkinson, with Michael
Aspel, Katie Boyle, Max
Wall. 12.10 am, Weather.

7.40 am, Open University: Seeing the Future. 8.05, Unemployment. 8.30, Telephone Models. 8.55, Maths at Second Level. 9.20, Pure 14.515. 8.30, Telephone Models. 8.55, Maths at Second Level. 9.20, Pure Mains. 9.45, Engineering Machanics. 10.10, Introduction to Chemistry and Geology. 10.35, Maths. 11.00, Introduction to Science. 11.25, Foundation Maths. 11.50, Chemistry of Carbon Componnds. 12.15 pm, Copper as a Resource. 12.40, Mind equals Brain? 1.05, Maths. 1.30-1.55, Oil and Aberdeen. 3.10, Film. Cold 45, with Randolph Scott, Ruth Roman. 4.20, Flay Away. 4.50, Dastardly and Muttley. 5.00 Horizon. TV and film special effects. 6.00 Open Door. British Association of Social Workers. 6.30 Sight and Sound in Concert. The Chieftains. 7.30 News. 7.45 M*A*S*H. 8.10 The Confessions of Winifred Wagner, interview with Bryan Magee. 9.30 Network. From BBC Wales: Vincent Kame talks to Richard Burton. 10.00 Film. Oedipus Rex, with Silvana Mangano, Franco Citti. 11.40 News. (7) repeat to four to film. News. (7) repeat to four 10.20, Junior Police P tic Four. 11.30, Space 1999 (p.) 1.1

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Affair, with James Mason, Simone Signoret, Maximi-lian Schell, Harriet Anders-

Radio

London Weekend

London Weekend

9.00 am, Plain Sailing (r). 9.25,
Supersonic Saturday Scene. 9.30,
Hammy Hamster. 9.50, The Fantastic Four. 10.20, Junior Police Five.
10.30, The Rovers. 11.00, Supersonic. 11.30, Space 1999 (r). 12.30
pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the
Ball. 1.00, World Bobsleigh Championships. 1.10, News. 1.20, The
ITV Seven. 1.30, Wolverhampton.
1.45, Catterick. 2.00, Wolverhampton.
2.15, Catterick. 2.30, Wolverhampton.
2.45, Catterick. 3.00,
Wolverhampton. 2.45, Catterick. 3.00,
Wolverhampton. 3.10, Swimming.
Speedo International; World Cup
Skiing. 3.50, Half-time Soccer
Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50,
Results Service.
5.05 News.

Film: Bridger—The For-tieth Day (1975) with James Wainwright.

12.25 Epilogue,

Border

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between the ears and what there is is both dense and transit more than teutonically exact. Be that as it may, the effect of binaural recording is to place the sounds somewhat more diversely than merely to right, left or centre create a very marked to obtain this you must listen not just in stereo but via headwhat you hear depends ear no sound in front; to me tion to outside space. You can of course also listen on loud-

> Oil Rig, heard it in mono anydrift, I do not for a moment

All in the head

Radio

Sixty years ago there was no radio to speak of; today we have waves long, medium and short, VHF, stereo, quadraphony and now binaural stereo. The medium has advanced from, as it were, cave painting to some summir of technical mastery in a time by any previous standards almost incredibly short.

It is all most impressive. At the same time it leads me to more than the sum of the parts.

The recording men (Leo Feord and Lloyd Silverthorne), the director (Tony Simmons) and the producer (Richard Imison) all did a splendid job of making all did a splendid job of making in tarity, a radio feature, giving us in the process a vivid insight into the lives of men doing a hard and dangerous job. If it took the new availability of binaural stereo to interest them in doing that, the same time it leads me to interest them in doing that, the tentative conclusion that, then hurrah for binaural stereo and may it now inspire them to go down mines, up mountains, in all this meteoric career, no advance has proved one-tenth as influential as that which brought radio into being in the onto railway lines. The fact remains that at any time since radio reached reasonable techfirst place.

An exaggeration, of course, and perhaps I should extend the period of invention to include the date when radio became really adequately comprehensible—by which token the past 25 or 30 years have been above all a time of technical refinement of what was already a versatile and highly nical competence, something not essentially less than Oil Rig could have been made and would have commanded our attention. The super-technology of radio is secondary to its

message. Many and interesting messages are what radio needs above all. Most plays are made in the mechanical and electronic safety of the studio, insulated as far as possible against the already a versatile and highly stimulating medium. If I look back on it with some reserve, it may be because in other arts the effect of technical refineunforeseen, the untoward. Some been good for creativity.

But to get back to the most recent of radio's accomplishments: binaural stereo. The binaural professor of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Regulation of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Regulation of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Regulation of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Regulation of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Regulation of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Bill Lyons' play, Regulation of the latest being Jane Morgan with Bill Lyons' play, Bill Ly ment has by no means always binaural version sets out to to make because one needs to hear the same play made entirely in the studio and that (typically?) approached the problem absolutely literally by most unlikely to occur. however, say that location work moulding a head in plastic with timy microphones inside with its element of chance gives the actors more to cope its ears. Unfortunately, micro-phones have quite different characteristics from eardrums with, stretches and stimulates them. One thing, however, can be said of this production

interesting, were unacceptable.

Now the BBC has found that tained a performance by the author's seven - year - old fortunately for its straitened daughter, Tina, which was one can do of the most confident, unselfmuch better by simply mountng two miniature mikes at either end of a short metal bar conscious and generally conchild on radio and I doubt (and so does the producer) whether that would have happened in ween to separate them. That this simulation of the human a studio. The rest of the cast were excellent (which does happen in the studio) and the play itself a most attractive The week has seen the end D. G. Bridson's adaptation of Lawrence's Sons and Lovers which represented the original quite marvellously in parts. Morel got lost, so did the Nottinghamshire/Derby land-Nottingnamsnire/Derby land-scape, but the characterization of the principal parts was very satisfactory. Tony van den Bergh with Treat me Gently has been taking himself to hos-pital for a change to undergo the hip replacement operation he recorded on somebody else. he recorded on somebody else. The programme made the point that when the patient is me and not the other chap, hospitals not the other chap, apopular and doctors are an entirely difstarred attraction is Vivat Rex (Sunday, Radio 4 and for 25 weeks thereafter). This jubilee ordinary stereo. Probably most eople who heard last Tuesday's event, a history of the English crown over 200 years, will con-

sist of chunks of Shakespeare Marlowe and some others, don up into "dramatic chronicle

Not the most inviting prospect have ever looked upon, but it may sound better than it

Sunday

Two of my favourite actors, Helen Mirren and Bernard Cr make the Restoration comedy The Country Wife (BBC1 8.15) a joy to watch; wife of Watergate conspirator Jeb Magrud bares her soul in The Light of Experience (BBC27.10), and Rob Roy (BBC1 4.55) is the dashing new teatime serial with Andrew Faulds in the title role.—T.S.

BBC 1 9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Begpuss. 9.45, The Sunday Gang. 10.10, Happy Return. 10.35, Zarabanda. 11.00, Wordpower. 11.25, Trade Union Studies. 11.50, Sunday Worship, from Burnley Parish Church, Lancs. 12.10 pm, Your Move. 12.35, The 60, 70 80 Show. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Other People's Children. 1.38, An ABC of Music. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Mildred Pierce, Joan Crawford with Jack Carson, Zachary Scott.* 3.40, Champions' Skating Scene. 4.15, Crufts. 4.55, Rob Roy (new Series). 5.25, Holiday.

5.55 News. 6.05 On the Move. 6.15 Anno Domini Interview, Dennis Potter.

6.50 Songs of Praise. 7.25 Wings. 8.15 Play: The Country Wife.
with Helen Mirren, Bernard Cribbins.

12.00 Epilo.
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10.05 News. 10.15 That's Life. 10.55 Read All About It. 11.35 Images for Sale.

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BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Humanities; 8.05, Science Foundation Course; 8.30, Foundation Maths; 8.55, Electrons in Motion, 9.20, Brain Structure and Function; 9.45, The Public Library; 10.10, The University Library; 10.35-11.00, What is Civilization? 5.05 pm, Rugby: Gala v Watsoniaus. 6.05 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands: Exodus. 6.35 News Review.

7.10 The Light of Experience. 7.25 The World About Us. Country of the Blind: Volta River basin, West Africa. 8.15 News.

8.20 The Lively Arts. Kubelik at Lucerne Festival: Smetana, Dvorak. 9.15 People to People. Crisis in the Health Service.

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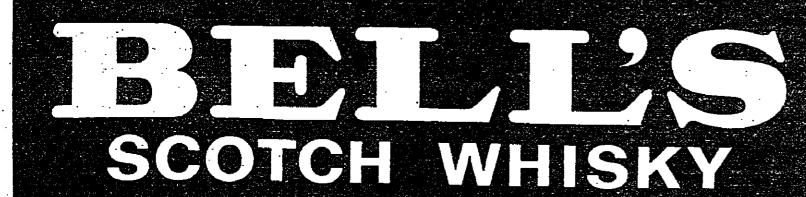
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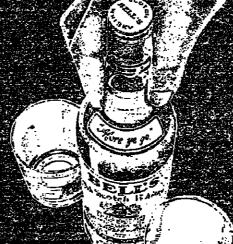
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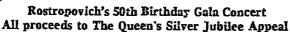
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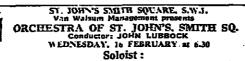
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Merle Park: switching heroines

I've circumstances that compelled the Royal Ballet to shelve its plans for producing John Cranko's Onegin and switch to his Toming of the Shrew have turned Merle Parke from one heroine to another. Intended to play Tatiana at the premiere next Wednesday, she will instead be dancing Kate, her third Shakespeare after Tatiana and Shakespeare after Tatiana and Juliet. I asked her how it felt to be precipitated from Pushkin and Tchaikovsky to Shakespeare and Scarlatti. "My first reaction was 'Oh

"My first reaction was 'Oh dear', because I am terribly anti that music. Well, I'm not anti-Scarlatti; it is the orchestration, it is all so thin and simply does not inspire me. But apart from that it's lovely, a charming ballet, and once we have got into it and done a few performances it will be fur few performances it will be fun. It's great to have a Cranko work It's great to have a Cranko work again; it is about time, isn't it?

"We are lucky to have Marcia [Haydée] here to mount it, because she is so much part of John. It is like having John here. I can just hear him saying with that impish sparkle in his eyes: 'Now, you know—yes, you do that, just pull her chair away from behind her'. Marcia assures me the music Marcia assures me the music does not matter, so long as the reactions for the given situation are right, it will make sense. This is exactly what John would have said.

"I wonder if we shall do Onegin, ever? I hope so; somehow I am much more attuned to the character of Tatiana than to Kate, Although
Sidney [her husband] says
jokingly I am typecast as Kate!
I would like to dance Tatiana well, that's life, isn't it? There are always disappointments, that is half the battle, being able to cope with change. We are lucky to have a ballet at

I asked how she was coping with one particular aspect of The Shrew, the literally knock-about comedy in the first big duet. "I can't tell you how sore by bottom and wrists are I I have had to say I can't do certain falls now until the per-formance. It's fine when you don't keep repeating it, but when you are trying to perfect something it can be very pain-

ful.
"Earlier this week before the rehearsal I went to the physiodepartment to get some sticky pads, which I put all over my bottom and legs. We were all



Merle Park as Juliet.

hysterical, it looked so funny. Mind you, it hadn't been done very elegantly. We will have to spend time and try making them the right shape ! " In her dressing room, sipping Guinness for strength after a performance, she seemed cheer-ful but insisted "Pm really awful, hideous to live with when I have to learn or perform full-length ballets. I never wanted to dance long ballets: a variety of two-and-a-balf minute num-

bers was my ambition. It has taken me 20 years to accept the situation. "Of course I try to please my choreographer, director or whoever is producing me, but ultimately I have to do as I feel. I might not please people at times, but I can't help it. I learn by my mistakes, and occasionally from certain people saying 'Why not try this or that?' but in the end it has

to be as I want. "That probably sounds bolshie, but dancing is a selfish and egotistical thing. I have to interpret things in my own way and even that does not make it altogether fulfilling. I have to have other outlets which feed the dancing. But would I do it again? Oh, absolutely, I have had a marvellous life

woven in a pattern of mutual

dependence, with strong and weak continually changing sides

instead of hardening into a fixed pecking order. Thanks too to Nancy Meckler's produc-

tion, the household has its own amosphere: relentlessly bright and hard-headed, with information conveyed in joke voices and verbal italics, and with conventional female responses displaced by a brisk matter-offact attitude to abortion, bisexuality, freelance prostitution

lie, the scenes are punctuated with extracts from "phone in"

programmes which evoke the

great soggy mass of normal British life outside the

sanctuary.
Brigit Forsyth, Alison Fiske,

Diane Fletcher, and Mary Maddox make up a company who make you believe in every line

of the text and perform emo-tional reversals on a sixpence:

witness their magical transfor-mation with a boxfull of stolen

lurex. They are clearly in the hands of a director with a bril-liant command of scenic rhythm

and an exact understanding of

and drugs.

Doreen Wells and myself. She gave us everything; she saw to it that among everything else we danced all the classics, one after the other, and luckily we managed to cope. Some can't, they are given too much too soon. Others are not given enough and miss out that way. It depends on the that way. It depends on the individual.

Every dancer has his or her time. Some have early success, and if that happens, it is much more difficult to live up to that for the rest of your dancing life. I feel that if you can, you should develop slowly, building on the experience of each successive role. This for me is more satisfying, and you can arrive at the end of your career still developing, instead of having a long period in which you do little or noth-ing new, becoming bored or frustrated. You need a lot of

guts to be a dancer.
"I think my whole life is based on mobility. I get ternibly claustrophobic if I am in one place for long, and I do appreciate a place more if I o it again? Oh, absolutely, I am free to come and go. I now had a marvellous life.

"Madame [Dame Ninerte de Royal Ballet which allows me

Valois] had three, no, four, to do all my performances in dancers she nurtured, Lynn 24 weeks of the year instead of Seymour, Antoinette Sibley, being ried to the company ell Doreen Wells and myself. She the time. As my schedule is gave us everything; she agreed with Covent Garden well in advance, I am able to arrange to travel. This I enjoy, and the audiences here are less

likely to tire of me, I hope.
"I used to take a partner from here when going abroad, but I have also begun dancing with the local men. That makes it interesting for me and probably easier financially for the companies who invite mc. When I return to Budapest next month and in America recently I have been dancing with Jean-Pierre Bonnefous and Helgi Tomasson.

"But dencing is not my whole life. I like to seach and would like to direct a company. In January I started my own ballet school, assisted by a former Royal Baller principal. We already have 50 publis. Teaching. I find very satisfying, being able to give something to others and, I hope, to help them. Mind you, this can sometimes create a different kind of hang-up. You give all you know, only to find the pupil not receptive, and then I think gosh, it's easier to do it myself!

is uncommonly graceful, and the

with spoken dialogue, and it is disappointing that the encounter

between the hero (disconcertingly called George Brown), and the ghostly White Lady of the

title takes place to speech rather

than music; but at least the auction scene is fully sung.

Despite its impeccable pedigree.

by Scribe out of Scott, the

libretto is not without banal

things; here the opera was

writing is obten colourful. This is an opéra comique

John Percival

Dusa, Fish, Stas & Vi Mayfair

Irving Wardle

"We won't do as they want any more, and they hate it". Not until this curtain line does Pam Gems's play indulge in any editorial pronouncement, and by that time she has earned the right to make it. It is by far the best written and most penetrating new feminist piece that has come my way, richly deservand drugs. ing its transfer from Hampstead.

The story of four flat sharing girls who have opted out of the girls who have opted out of the to think of men as utterly unlike to think of men as utterly unlike to think of men as utterly unlike to think of men as utterly unlike

mingling of the typical and the of a family. Meanwhile, lest personal. On one hand, the there should be any doubt of quartet fit all too neatly into where the author's sympathies quartet fit all too neatly into a category scheme, separately pursuing independence through science, Eastern religion, political agitation, and the one-parent family. But when you come down to characters like Stas, who works with brain-damaged children by day and stuffs her wardrobe with stolen fur coats and wads of "escort money", or Vi, who rebounds from meditative starvation into the role of traffic warden (" Ihate cars "), the categories seem pretty meaningless, These people are just there, and by the end of the evening you know them inside out. how to convey desperation and They have individual plot regret with the minimum means.

Dick Wellstood Purcell Room

Miles Kington

A year or two see, as the rag-time revival finally petered out, I speculated here thet stride piano might be due next for popularity and that Dick Wellstood might be the man to do it. I can now report that so for it has not here and to far it has not happened to any important extent, yet on the other band I do not think Wellstood would have packed the Purcell Room two years ago as he did in Thursday's concert, put on by the everenterprising Jazz Centre

More than half the pieces he played were compositions by those two great men of stride piano, Fats Waller and James P. Johnson, for stride piano has just as much of a repertoire as just as much of a repertoire as ragtime ever did, being more flexible into the bargain.

When you play Scott Joplin, you have to play the notes he wrote. When Wellstood plays Waller's "Viper's Drag" or Johnson's "Old Fashioned Love", you get Wellstood's reinterpretation as well, and luckily he is as good a showluckily he is as good a show-man as he is a pianist. That pounding left hand (just a bit too pounding, sometimes), and the glittering right hand, dripping with notes like diamonds, come as second nature to him by now, leaving him plenty of time to turn each number into

a tiny tour de force

Welsh National

Elektra is to be added to the Welsh National repertory in 1978. It will be their first Richard Strauss opera, a co-production with Netherlands Opera produced by Dresden's Harry Kupfer. This year will include The Malropsules Care

include The Makropoulos Case with Elisabeth Soderstrom, Wozeck will be produced by Michael Geliot, and Joschim Herz will produce Madama

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Not just at top speed, either; his version of Johnson's "Snowy Mountain Blues", taken at that medium-slow, loping tempo that only really good players can prevent from accelerating, was as fine as anything he played all night, and as gutsy as any jazz around. So, if any television producer, or other person in charge of spotting trends, should read this, let him immediately hire the humorous and hugely talented Dick Wellstood for a guaranteed surprise success.
And if Wellstood has gone back
to America before the decision
is approved, let him hire a
British equivalent like Keith
Incham or Lennie Felix. By way of contrast, the first

half of the concert was given by the subdued duo of Louis Stewart on guitar and Peter Ind on bass. Both immaculate players, they offer delicate watercolours in a field where watercolours in a field where we are usually restricted to lurid poster paints. It was especially nice to hear Stewart without drums or piano so that every nuance of his swift-fingered style could be heard, for once. It is music to tap the mind to, though: so delicate it could drive you mad. Very fleet, said the classical guitarist sitsaid the classical guitarist sit-ting next to me, but where's the vibrato? Where's the warmth? And why are they so cynical as not to acknowledge the audience's presence? Not cynical I am afraid, just shy, and lacking in any showmanship. Which brings us back to Dick Wellstood

September season in a new translation by David Lloyd-

Joses, who conducts, with Josephine Barstow as Lisa and Maureen Guy as the Countess. Louis Fremaux conducts The

lines (Dusa's abducted children, La Dame blanche Fish's unfaithful man) inter-Fulham Town Hall

Stanley Sadie

That Boieldieu has been called "The French Mozart" has always seemed to me to say more about the French than it does about Boieldieu or Mozart. But Boieldieu should not be quickly dismissed merely because most of us know no more than his Caliph of Eaghdad overture as Hammersmith Municipal Opera's courageous (in at least two senses) revival of his chef doeuvre, La Dame blanche, showed

showed. The L so inapt. Boieldien was 20 years Mozart's junior. His orchestral style, the occasional romantic harp arpeggio apart, scarcely goes beyond Mozart; nor does his harmonic style. Indeed, time and again, there is woodwind writing, or an expressive chromatic inflexion, or a conchromatic inflexion, or a conjunction of harmonic timing with orchestral subtlety, that could have no other source. Not only Mozart has echoes here: there are Rossinian crescendos, Lellinian lines, and, apt to the subject, folksy Scottish melody; and all handled with a consummare well paced performance, and handled with a consummate technique. One Scots chorus, in act III, surely itself finds an echo in the music for the

Gotterdammerung vassals. What is especially impressive is Boieldieu's ability to control long stretches of continuous music, often with mixed solo, ensemble and choral writing; and much of it is music of real dramatic force. Melodically, it

given in an excellent English version by Francis Dalvin. La Dame blanche dates from 1825; it was done in an early Victorian setting to avoid, according to the producer's notes: historical anachronism [should have thought anachronism inevitable if an historically

retrospective opera was given in a setting later than its composition. Still, the intelligent and unified costumes looked well, and the rather makeshift Gothic settings served ade-quately. Brenda Stanley's pro-

well paced performance, and produced choral singing of real vitality. The soloists did not find the music easy, but I enjoyed Alexander Magri's stylish and full-toned tenor in George's slower music, and had some pleasure too from Merril Jenkins, who coped bravely with florid lines, and Brenda McLean. There is a further per-

Watts appreciated the breadth

of the thought, but he does not

yet command the Arrau-like tonal depth and fullness to sup-

port it. There was a touch of the metallic in his fortissimo:

his odd way of snatching his hands away from the keyboard somebow heightened the per-cussive effect. Tempo also took

a little time to settle down. In the Scherzo he delighted in

lighter, liquid themes and was

always willing to listen to the orchestra's say. The finale again

found him light and mercurial and as the son of a Hungarian

mother, he was quick in res-

ponse to its caprice. In sum, a

younger Brahms than we often meet, but fresh and lively com-

While keeping a firm struc-tural grasp on the fourth sym-phony, Mr Mackerras constantly emphasized the romantic heart-

beat beneath the classical façade. Much of the pleasure

came from the warmly blended

sonority he drew from his players. Significantly, trom-bones were placed right inside the block of cellos and basses.

After the exceptional intensity and brightness heard in Mahler from the LSO under James Levine three nights ago, the LPO's mellowness was a return to the old world, and for

formance tonight.

LPO Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

From Mozart and Elgar, Sir George Solti had intended to move on to Brahms in the third of his current concerts with the LPO on Thursday, pairing the second piano concerto and fourth symphony. But although the programme remained as promised, influenza prevented him from conducting it. His place was taken at short notice by Charles Mackerras, gallantly postponing pressing rehearsals elsewhere to save the day. Judg-ing from the size of the audi-ence, most people decided to

stav, and rightly. The soloist in the B flat concerno was the American Andre Watts, known here on records even if he is not all that frequent a visitor. The gem was the slow movement, kept on the the slow movement, kept on the move in accordance with its andante marking yet played with an intimate inner serenity and a sense of wonder by planist and orchestra alike. It was as though they allowed us to overhear their confidences, rather than consciously soliciting our attention. ing our attention.

In the first movement Mr Brahms absolutely right.

Masnadieri in a new translation by Stephen Oliver, produced by Julian Hope and conducted by Richard Armstrong,
Ava June sings Lady Billows
in Albert Herring, and the
Israeli soprano Mani klekler
makes her British debut in Il
trovatore.

Louis Fremaux conducts The Pearl Fishers, his first opera in Britain, and in November there is a new Marriage of Figaro produced by Michael Geliot, conducted by Gyorgy-Fischer, with Felicity Lout as the Counters. General Administrator Brian the Countess.

The summer season at Llan-

duction of Verdi's Don Carlos which is shortly to be staged in Holland. The only production costs will be for transport and building of a smaller, false floor to fit theatres in Britain—a fraction of the cost of an entire new production, even by WNO's highly competitive standards.

"It will be the first time McMaster said: "Sharing this Elektra has had a British production will represent a staging outside London and the

major economy and will ensure production has only become with ansageth Soderstrom, Wozzeck will be produced by Michael Celiot, and Joachim John Moody Rigoletto with Herz will produce Madama Butterfly.

In their busiest year so far, The first Cardiff season this The Queen of Spades starts the Summer season at Llan-major economy and will ensure production has only become the staging of an important work in a fine production which the pit at the New Theatre: the work in a fine production which the pit at the New Theatre: the work in a fine production which the pit at the New Theatre: the work in a fine production which the pit at the New Theatre: the work in a fine production which the pit at the New Theatre: the work in a fine production which the pit at the New Theatre: the work is scored for nearly 100 orchestral players—but we will be borrowed in return not be able to use quite that

head. "No rafting today man",

river where danger lurked round every bend. Not that Martha Brae is

gifts like that, of course, although the old Sarawak has been known to lure travellers into her banks and take everything they possess. Still, that may just be legend. Certainly she has not done it for a very long time, so I should not let it put you off visiting this beautiful island of bananes and cocomuts and maryellous sun-

We had driven the 50 miles or so from our hotel in Ocho Rios through some of the most exotic scenery in the world, with tropical fruit and flowers bursting all around us against a backdrop of hills dark blue the distance. And all the

was enough and he shook his prolonged drives in the heat of the day-despite the temphe said. "It's too high." Which traion to explore the lash was a pity, for I had been countryside. Most of us were looking forward to racing feeling a trifle green under down Jamaica's Martha Brae our brand-new tan's long before river on one of the narrow we reached journey's end. But bamboo rafts now lying half that was because we happened submerged in the water. Mitty- to be in a hurry. Frequent like, I would have been the stops along the road for with two dollars for a crudely intrepid explorer shooting the refreshment—and the jameirapids of a crocodile-infested cans really know how to prepare cool, satisfying drinks-is the most sensible, and enjoyable, way to travel about the

In any case, people in a hurry appear out of place in Jamaica. Away from the teeming capital of Kingston, time really does seem unimportant. Obviously, if has much to do with the climate, for humidity is a great leveller, but the impression is heightened by the fact that because of import duty cars are a luxury. The roads are filled with saunterroads are filled with saudicing figures, women off to the market, youths hitch hiking in noisy groups, gesturing in mock defiance at the motorist who has the cheek not to stop.

For the one thing the Jamai-can will not tolerate is indifference. He demands attention

Coconut sun days George was quite definite time the Caribbean sun beat can find unnerving, and his posed patiently by the road-about it. One look at the water down. In fact, a word of warn-assually commands it, whether perched effortlessly on her churning past the little letty ing here; it is as well to avoid the be a top businessman of a head that so familiar a sight woodcarver down from the hills. The Irish are not the only ones to have kissed the Biarney Stone, as an encounter with any one of the vast army of street traders soon proves. I remember one roque with the saddest face I've ever seen whose tale of wee impressed me so much I willingly parted carved hambon cup. He had earned his money with a per-formance Olivier himself

> My disappointment over the river trip was eased by a lei-surely lunch outdoors which included curried goat (strangely enough, the animal is reared only for meat, not for milk or cheese). Then George drove us in his mini-bus to Falmouth, a few miles away, to visit the covered market.

would have been proud of.

The town was a hubbub of sound as we walked through the streets with drab buildings highlighted here and there by splendid Georgian facades. The atmosphere was almost carni-val-like with extrovert traders competing noisily behind often identical stalis which spilled out in a jumble of colour and excitement from the cool mar-ket on to the crowded street. A moment to savour and there are many in Jamaica.

There was the little girl with

nowadays in Jamaica).

I remember, too, " tourist", quite unashamedly on a cour of a plantation when the highlight was a drink from a fresh coconut sliced open on the spot by a genial guide and laced with rum to "put a tiger in the mak". Here we were sharply reminded of a shadow over the island. The coconst trees have falien victim to a disease known locally as lethal yellowing which destroys their leafy heads leaving a ghastly landscape of decapitated landscape of decapitated trunks where once stood magnificent trees vital to the

island's economy. There being apparently no cure, the palms are being re-placed with a smaller species offering no challenge to the coconut gatherers, long femous for their ability to sain up the tallest of trees. Perhaps only the traveller will iament the passing of a colourful custom so closely identified with this sunny island.

Don John

☐ Air Jamaica run non-stop flights to Kingston and Montego Bay (flying time nine hours). Details of package holidays can be obtained from the Jamaican Tourist Board, 6--10 Ecompton the coconut white smile who Street, hondon, W.1.

Travel books

Bartholomew Gazetteer of Britain

Compiled by Oliver Mason
(Bartholomaw, £9.50)
Name three places in the
United Kingdom beginning
with Z. No ums, no ahs.
Consult Bartholomew. The zealous Mr Mason lists ten*.
Future masterminds take note. Here is the complete guide to every place from the largest city to the smallest hamlet. Not that Mr Mason will allow me such a generalization :

Human settlements are described as cities, towns, villages, handels or localities. It is however hardly possible and perhaps not even desirable, to define these terms . . . it is largely a matter of judg-

Ment.

Although every reader is bound to argue with specific items Mr. Mason, is right, invariably, which is a compliment not given lightly considering he lists some 40,000 places (rivers and counties, and identifying them where too), identifying them where appropriate with county. nearest town and man references (and not just Barthmaps bound in est she back, but the Ordnance Survey's as well). Additionally cities get brief descriptions (London warrants six lines) and occasionally a spot of colour is added: "Selborne Hants...

Satting of Gilbert White's Nat-

ural History of Selborne".

umns, lingering here, digesting an item before continuing, the breadth, the enormity of the indertaking becomes increasingly apparent. To help the inquirer on his way there is an elymology. While I would argue that Pen as a prefix is solely Welen as Mr Muson appears to claim (what about the Cornish as in the rhyme that begins: "By Tre, Poi-and Pen. . ?) it is gen-erally a full and most helpful list. Never again should I be caught answerless when my children ask the origin of the more obscure, but recurring

As befits a work of reference from a Scottish publisher, particularly erudite on the Gaelic. Perusing the letter L one discovers five pages of loch—or 600 by my reckoning. Then again there are 24 Little Londons (no less than five in Norfolk). Norfolk).

syllables in place names.

One place leads to another. The entry for Honeybourne refers to Cow Honeybourne, which in its turn notes that it is 4/6km N of Broadway. Flip back the pages and learn that there are six Broadways includ-ing one 3/4km SW of Mid-somer Norton. Is this a common prefix, I muse? No, says Bartho-lomew via P 168: Midsomer N is unique. What about prefixes ionally a spot of colour is generally? How many places tidded: "Selborne Hants ... start with Middle as in Waliciting of Gilbert White's Natlop? A fresh tangent of study South Zeal, Zelah, Zennor and History of Selborne".

As the eye traverses the coldisappoints. Under "Mid, MidHill, Zone Point, Zouch,

dle " he states: "For names de" he states: "For names beginning with these words see under next word". Likewise for Nether, Lesser, Higher, Far, Near et al. Shame! Mr Mason has prefaced the Gazetteer with a note: "The temptation to write a guide book rather than a reference hook has been resisted." But it

longer so anywhere in Britain without first consulting him. In addition there is the bonus of related statistical information. Did you know that Skegness averages 66mm of rain with a temperature of 15.7°C in August, whereas Gorleston further south on the coast offers 62mm and 16.2°C? That there 62mm and 16.2°C? That there are more than 700 rowns in England with over 5,000 people? That Stevenage has grown from 6,700 to 76,000 people in 29 years? That emigrants have outnumbered immigrants in Britain every year since the late 1950s? That 124,000 Japanese visited Britain in 1974?

Here then is the Abaty Cwmhir to Zouch of Britain. Let the Bartholomew Gazetteer take its place alongside the OED, the Britannica and Who's Who as a reference book that no household should afford to

in 1974

Ion Trewin

South Zeal, Zelah, Zennor, Zen nor Head, Zennor Quoit, Zions The Complete Guide to the Soviet Union

By Victor and Jennifer Louis

(Michael Joseph, £8.95)

Smith's Guide to

Moscow

By Desmond Smith (Cape, £4.95)

There is a challenge in Mr and Mrs Louis's title—The Com-plete Guide—that no one who has travelled in the Soviet Union can resist taking up. Complete, do they say? In my own journeys I have been two or three times to Gorki, formerly Nizhni Novgorod, the large and historic city on the large and historic city on the Volga, birthplace of Maxim Gorki No mention of it that I can see. On my way down the Volga I put in at Ulyanovsk, which appears, and at Kuibyshev and Saratov, which do not. I once had to land in a blizzard at Omsk in Siberia. It is briefly mentioned, "Omsk, qv" but although I v. hard I can find no other trace of it. There are other gaps.

Once the challenge has been net however, we can relax, settle down, and enjoy what is a remarkably full guide to the cities, towns and resorts which tourists and scholars are likely

forthumberland, by Edward

best contemporary series of

At the end of last year, in the

Ladies Teams of Four Cham-

pionship now known as the

Helena Rubinstein Cup, there

was a surprise victory for an

unseeded team. I have never

attended an all-women's event,

which to an onlooker must be

frightening even before the con-

testants discuss each other's

play; but one of the winners

assured me that the standard of bidding was low, and I was pleasantly surprised on reading some of the key deals how skil-

fully the leading teams escaped

the traps which might have

entangled more expert partner-

ships. I had taken the oppor-

tunity to ask her what, in particular, she and her team-mates

had done to vanquish European

chempions and similar stars.

The answer given to me was

that they bid their hands as they saw them, without bother-

ing to assess what their

opponents were likely to bid

The most remarkable feature of the winning team was the age and stamina of its members. The four could count between

them over 250 years, yet they played nine rounds of 10 boards before qualifying for a knock-out quarter-final, semi-final and final between eight teams who survived the earlier sessions.

At this juncture I must men-

tion, because one lady had the same name and initial as my-self, that she did not play under an assumed name and that I had not succeeded in entering Mrs Ryan's Sussex team in dis-

It is customary in recent

years to look down mon players who do not study all the latest gadgets and who concentrate on

preserving their partnership understanding. Even when the dust had settled on the final

match, the victors were des-cribed in the Bridge Magazine

as an unpretentions team with no claims to brilliance in the

same way as if they were a bourgeois wine served at a Lord

Mayor's banquet.

with the same cards.

to visit—and many places is much more informal and which they are not likely to gives many more useful hims reach at all. It is large, plea- on how the innocent should sanily illustrated with photographs, and well arranged.

After several pages of useful knowledge on the Kyrillic alphabet, public transport, hotels and restaurants, the hiring of cars, and so on, Mr and Mrs Louis give over 300 pages (set in double columns) pages (set in double columns) of descriptions of towns in alphabetical order. The searcher for information is not let off all work entirely. He begins the list with "Abkhazia, see Sukhumi" and ends it with "Zheleznovodsk, see Mineralyse Vody" after co. Mineralmye Vody", after co-ping with other snakes and lad-ders in between But it is all

fair play. The authors generally give a brief history of each place, pick out the best features of its churches and museums, and name the hotels and restaurants where such are available. Especially useful are the passages on the motor rootes, with their widely spaced garages and filling stations. Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and their neighbouring places of interest take up several well packed pages each, as is right and proper, but the merits of distant places like Irkutsk (still with much the atmosphere of Tantit comments. sphere of a Tsarist garrison town), Alma Ata and Tashkent are also nearly and precisely

spelled out. Mr Smith's guide to Moscow

may reasonably expect Russian girls, waiters and waitresses to eave towards him. For example, never to be forgotten, no before he has learned by heart Mr Smith's warning about the slow service which he must expect; and tolerate without

apoplexy, in most restaurants. "It should not come as surprise to you if you wait 30 minutes for a menu. Allow another 30 minutes for the table to be reset. Allow an additional half-hour before the

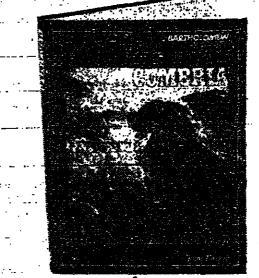
Mr Smith has no less sound and experienced advice for western businessmen, hoping for orders to emerge from the how visitors can best recover-from illuesses. Most of the handy little book, with its many free-style line drawings, is naturally taken up with the kremlin, the museums, the churches, the restaurants of all kinds, the bars on the western model, and the shops. One strange thing is that Mr Smith misses out November 7-8-the anniversary of the revolution, no less from his too brief list public holidays. But the book can be read for pleasure

Iverach McDonald

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Bridge

bidding in teams of four more

closely approximates to rubber bridge than to a duplicate pairs

fused in sorting out the bigger

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The bidding was slightly speculative and South appears to have been worried lest the

auction ended in Stx No trumps; hence her jump to Six

Hearts in the confidence that her partner's suit was substan-

was also the danger of a con-tract in Spades which would be ruined by a bad trump break.

Actually, Six Spades can be made if South cashes the AA and ruffs a club before knock-

The key to the slam contract was provided by North's rebid of Clubs, and that is why I suggested that she was having a modest gamble. She was beginn as the relief

placing a strain on her values

by rejecting Three No tramps, having already made a jump bid in Clubs. Over Three No trumps

South could rebid Four Diamonds and North Four

Hearts, so the slam in Hearts

ing the trumps together.

From South's angle there

Amazons in battle might still be reached. have often written, it is easier to convey the strength of a responding hand by raising the tournament. It is therefore level on the first round and more vital to clinch a slam than bidding the minor before the to profit on a few part scores, major suit; there is less danger and partners who employ the of being stranded in the weak minimum number of conventions are least likely to be con- and the hands are seen in

> An interesting deal in the final round shows the importance of giving the correct preference hid in response to the opener who takes charge of the Game all; dealer North;

excuse for passing Five Hearts but I see none for the sequence adopted by the losing team:

better perspective. The auction would be:

I was told that South's Two Diamonds could have been interpreted by her partner as

a forcing bid in the fourth suit which did not necessarily mean length in Diamonds; for that reason she rebid them two rounds later when a preference bid of Four Hearts might have been more constructive. As for the meaning of North's Three Diamonds on the singleton **\delta** your guess is as good as mine. Presumably North sought to ensure that her partner did not pass before game was reached, but she seems to have over-looked that a suit had not been agreed. Artificial bids prove their value ordy when they are employed by partners who know what information they are

The next match in the Home International Championships between England and Scotland for the Camrose Trophy will take the Camrose Trophy will take place at Europa Lodge Hotel, Newcastle, on Saturday, February 19, at 2 pm, and 3 pm, and on Sunday, February 20, at 2 pm. The English team will be: I. Panto, C. P. Lester, I. N. Rose, R. M. Sheehan, Mr and Mrs R. A. Priday; non-playing captain, T. Reese.

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Chess

The world series

the increase in popuof the game all over the since the end of the i World War than the rdinary proliferation of mional tournaments in st 30 years. Before the n average of six tournaa year, with two or three events being major ones, garded as normal and ig more signified an lly high activity.

tart with 1920, in that terc were three tournaof international calibre, g Berlin and Amsternd of these Amsterdam ly semi-international in er. Similarly in 1921 ere three: Budapest, The and Triberg. There were 1922, Pistyan, London, Schonau and Vienna. A ive in 1923, possibly six include the Hastings as Congress, yielded an that did not significhange throughout the

natter of fact the series ings tournaments was semi-international T and was based on the of five foreign and ish players, a principle tly that is still favoured in reactionary circles the short-sighted and s belief that the more layers you admit into urnaments the more onal practice they will hould not be necessary out that the more you own these events the

international practice r to our own players. st all this with what pened in the last 30 d you get some aston-The ever-: figures. us Kevin O'Connell, in less of compiling that le series the Batsford has worked out 1974, there were, in zures, 60 international ents. In 1975 there and in 1976 100.

less than half of these iportant international nut, even so, the figures rhelming. I the reason for this rease is due to the ment of traditional ·international tourna-

The Netherlands there oogoven and the IBM; USSR there are the n and the Alekhine Tournaments and so Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria all having at and with Spain having

s is only part of the lore important is the crease in the interest mong all classes and peoples, the greater game seems to exert he female sex and to the realization that ssentially a game for and so the resulting tion of the game at

h feeding does result in amount of indigesnaments now seem to ach other. Organizers ffer more and more ts to gain an ade-ply of masters and a lot of skulduggery e nowadays in the

matter of luring players away from one tournament to another. Pity the poor journalist too who tries to follow and report all the important events.

There are the four quarter-finals in the Candidates series of matches, all due to start to-wards the end of February. There is the Clare Benedict International Team Tournament in Denmark this month.

Then, from March 5-22, there is a strong international tournament at Bad Lauterberg in West Germany, with the participation of the world champion, Anatoly Karpov, and the grandmasters Andersson, Browne, Diez del Corral, Hubner, Miles, Olafsson, Sosonko, Timman and Torre Four German players, Wocken-fuss, Hermann, Gerusel and Borik, together with two more grandmasters as yet unnamed, make up a fine tournament.

Even more impressive is the

Even more impressive is the list for an international tournament at Geneva from March 25 to April 11 which is due to contain 12 grandmasters and two international masters: Anderston Paleonal Masters: son, Robert Byrne, Djindjindashvili, Hug. Korchnoi, Larsen,
Miles, Olafsson, Pachman,
Sigurjonsson, Sosonko, Timman,
Torre and Westerinen. The
average Elo raring for this
event is 2546, which is a strong
Category 12 and only a few
points short of 13. This means points short of 13. This means that the two international masters need only 7 points for

the grandmaster norm. That ordinary masters can and do beat the grandmasters is shown by the following game from a recent tournament at Orense in Spain. White: Gheorginu Black: Piaseisky Sicilian Defence.

P-R1 P-OR1 6 KI:Q4: KI:KEE P-K3 - K15 P-Q3 P-Q4 P-P 7 KI:G1 P-K1 EIEP KI:OR3 8 H-KIG P-OK3 KI:Q8: KI:B3 9 KI:R3 P-OK14 10 E-KI

A voluntary surrender of the two Bishops in order to gain a good outpost for the Kt on Q5. I prefer 10 Kt-Q5, and if 10 ..., B-K3; 11 P-QB4

Instead of this wild attempt at deterring Black from playing P-B4, simple development by B-K2 was in order.

16 KI-K2 10 BAKE 10-B3 17 B-K12 R-E1 LO Q-021 P-K6 18 P-KR4 KIXKE

A strong move that reveals the force of Black's KB. White cannot exchange off the other Bishop without increasing Black's attacking chances on the

Otherwise Black establishes Rook on the seventh rank.

A heavy blow that destroys White's one advantage, the Knight's outpost.

55 R-Kt1 PvP 55 RxR BxR 54 KtvP RvP

With every pawn that disappears from the board the force and power of the two Bishops becomes more patent. If now 36 Kt-Kt7, ExP; 37 R-B1, B-Q4 ch.

And here White lost on time but his position was in any case hoveless.

Harry Golombek

Gardening

Make the most of the Machine Age

cultivator is far more im-portant than with a mower, although you really ought to ask for a demonstration of any Regular readers will know that cultivator is on the subject of garden mach- portant than inery I have some firmly held views on how and where to buy such things as powered cultivators and mowers. Ideally there should be a network of main agents throughout the country who stock the widest possible range of machines. My local main distributor curries over 50 different models of moving machines, and about 25,000 spare parts. to make the machine do all the work. Some machines are more suitable for heavy soils, others for light soils. But with any machine, if pro-

Such agents are fairly plentiful in southern England, but they are thinner on the ground in the Midlands and the north. In these areas many people buy their machines in the high street shop, at a gar-den centre, or by mail order. Now with many machines, electric mowers and even some electric small cultivators, this is fine. There should be little maintenance required on these machines during the guarantee period. Also, you do not need a demonstration to show you

rather different.
There are about half a dozen motorized cultivators available now for the small or medium sized garden—others, of course far more costly, for the gar-den of several acres.

Having a demonstration of a

how to use them. But motor-

ized mechanical cultivators are

motor mower. Motor cultivators have to be properly adjusted otherwise they can cause the owner weeks of frustration and fatigue before he learns how

perly adjusted so that its cultivating blades are really working hard at their job of turning over the soil, the operator only has to guide the machine often with almost single handed control. If a machine is not properly adjusted to dix to its deepest capacity, it will skitter about on the surface and the operator will spend a vast amount of energy trying to control it. One demonstration by a skilled operator will avoid all this backache and frustration.

More and more firms are offering machines for hirecultivators, long grass cutters, hedge trimmers, and chain saws. These firms seldom deliver the machine to your on cultivators, now have a at before coming to a decision. home and demonstrate it. But range of rotary cultivators At the other end of the scale if you have to go to the firm starting with their MI Super we have some new really small to hire the machine, do try to at £190.12. It has a 3½ hp four-cultivators. From the Wolseley

insist that they demonstrate and instruct you how to use it. This is most important with chain saws.

First, let us consider culti-vators because many readers I know are thinking about turning over part of their garden ing over part of their garden
—a lawn perhaps, to vegetables
and fruit, and wonder what
kind of cultivator to buy. I
would suggest they look first at
the Wokseley Merzytillers. There
are four models ranging from
£225 to £425. These prices, and
those which follow, include
VAT.

For a garden where, say, up ror a garden where, say, up to a quarter of an acre is to be cultivated, I would think the Merry Tiller Major, a 4 hp machine at £225 would be more than adequate. The larger models, of course, have other advantages—two or even four advantages-two or even four forward speeds, and reverse speeds. For small areas the Norlett

For small areas, the Noriett cultivator at £114, with a 2 hp Briggs and Stratton engine, comes with one pair of digging tines, but extra diggers to give a wider cultivation area are available as optional extras.

Mountfield who are of course Mountfield, who are of course strong on powered mowers and

Briggs and Stratton engine, at 2214.87, and for heavier work still there is the M1 Monarch with a 5 hp engine, at £223.87, which is powerful enough to permit extra rotors to be fitted giving a cultivation width of 36 inches.

There are, of course, much larger "ride-on" machines, or mini-tractors, which can perform a multitude of tasks. The Simplicity range, for example, includes attachments for grass cutting, lawn scarifying, culti-vating, truck towing, snow ploughing, and vacuum collec-tion of fallen leaves. These machines, each with electric starting equipment, begin at around £670 and go up to about £1,700. These prices include a rotary grass cutter; other attachments are, of course, extra

Anyone contemplating the purchase of one of these minitractors should really shop around and find out what is available. The Wheelhorse range for example, has over 30 years of experience and development behind it, and should be looked

stable there is a new small cultivator, the Wizard, a 3½ hp machine which will dig 12 inches deep and 26 inches wide. For a small garden it is well worth considering worth considering.

For light cultivation work—

mechanical hoeing really—we
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electric tiller at £52.46 direct from the manufacturers Price-Barsby Ltd, 22a Islington Road, Southville, Bristol BS3 1QB. The price includes VAT, packing and carriage. The machine, it is claimed, will cultivate to a depth of four to five inches. This machine, of course, suffers from the disadvantage that you have to handle a long length of cable. But there are many elderly and handicapped folk who find hoeing too difficult and who would put up with the and who would put up with the inconvenience of the cable in order to be able to do these essential surface cultivations.

One dealer remarked to me recently that this is the year of the "nylon fishing line" grass and weed cutters. Readers may remember that we had a special offer last year of the Ufo trimmer which is still excellent value at £33.19. The Weedeater now comes in several forms. It is now fitted as an attachment to the Mountfield Multi-trim petrol engined machines, of which there are two models.

One takes a single nylon spool head, the larger Model 37 powers a Weedeater reel head with four nylon spools. These machines also power an eight tooth rotary blade for cutting bracken and brushwood, and a

saw blade. These machines cost from around £150 to over £200, de-pending on the model and the attachments required. They are, of course, intended for use on estates where there is much rough cutting to be done. Developments in straightfor-ard mowing machines I will

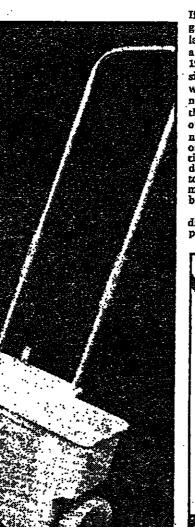
look ar next week.

equipment that readers might like to know about and that is the Xenoah SP25 pump introduced here by Allen Power Equipment Ltd. It is a self-priming centrifugal pump powered by a two stroke engine, and costs £125.28. There is some new and patented is some new and patented feature in this pump, and it is capable of delivering 36 gallons a minute with a suction head of about 20 feet, and a delivery head of about 100 feet. The engine is directly coupled to the pump, and the whole unit is easily portable. This is a particularly powerful little unit.

Roy Hay

The Times special offer

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If ever there was a year when asking us to repeat it, and this puring on any fertilizer. If they lar, are in need of generous applications of fertilizer, it is 1977. The unprecedented rains ther and farther away from our plants' roots. This is technically called "leaching", and on top of the serious debilitation caused by last summer's drought, which brought growth to a standstill and even killed much turf, this leaching must be hard on our lawns.

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gardens, and lawns in particu- we are happy to do because we have the greatest confidence in this particular formulation. It is rich in nitrogen, and is particularly valuable because it since September last year have washed plant foods, particularly nitrogen, to lower levels farare spread over up to a six-month period. Even if we have torrential rains which would "leach" or wash quickly soluble ingredients beneath the reach of the grass roots, the slow release incredients are still there to sustain the grass.

Gardeners often do not realize that each year they cut off the equivalent of about

could take three cabbage crops from one plot every year they would almost certainly put on some manure or fertilizer-If you want good grass you must feed it. This year I would apply a dressing of three ounces to the square yard in March, and a second dressing of two ounces to the square yard about six weeks later. I always like to water in any lawn fertilizer if the weather is dry. I am sure you will be delighted with the results. Applied at three ounces to the square yard one hundredweight (50 kilos) would treat about 600 square

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overriding discretion. The scheme of the Act had to be looked at section 4 and Schedule 2 made it clear that the general scheme

The primary purpose of section was to enable the commission,

7 was to enable the commission, in a case necessary to meet an exceptional need, to make a single payment instead of adjusting or decreasing weekly benefits. It was quite impossible to consider section 7 by ignoring section 6. By section 6, as it was set out in the Act before the National Health Service Reorganization Act, 1973, any cost that a claimant had to

Service Reorganization Act, 1973, any costs that a claimant had to bear in respect of National Health Service treatment could rank as a requirement. Those provisions having been removed, it was submitted, section 6 was an empty shell. That argument was unacceptable. If Parliament had wanted to override section 6, it would have done so.

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Constable's choice: police house or no rent allowance

Hammond v Inman Before Lord Justice Cairus, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir Gordon

When a chief officer of police offers a police officer a house belonging to the police authorities and refuses to approve the officer's own house he can compol him to choose between living in the police touse or forgoing his rent allow-

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Constable Michael Hammond, of Kingsbridge Close, Penwortham, Preston, against the refusal of Mr Justice Caulfield, at Manchester, to grant him a declaration that he was entitled to a rent allowance or to sums due in respect thereof, under regulation 42(1) of the Police Regulations, 1971. The defendant was Mr P. D. Imman, chief executive of Lancashire County Council.

Mr O. M. W. Swingland, QC. and Mr H. A. P. Picarda for Constable Hammond; Mr Patrick Maynew, QC, and Mr Guy Sankey for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that under the Police Regulations, 1971, a police officer was entitled 1971, a police officer was entitled to have rent-free accommodation or a rent allowance. In addition, he was not allowed to reside at premises not approved by a chief officer of police

officer of police.

The issue was whether a chief constable, by offering a police officer a house and refusing to approve another one, could compel him to live in the police house or forgo his rent allowance.

When Constable Hammond When Coustable Hammond joined the police force in October, 1969, he was a single man, living with his mother. In August, 1970, his mother bought a house in Waterloo Road, Pressun, and he was granted a consultant. and bought the house from his mother at a low price. In January, 1973, he told the chief constable of his engagement, and the purchase of the house. In March his chief inspector told him that house belonging to the police a house belonging to the police authority would be available for him. Both that house and the one in Waterloo Road were equally satisfied for a police officer to live in. In April the chief

superintendent refused the con-

stable's request to stay in the house in Waterloo Road. The

assistant chief constable confirmed that he should comply with a direction to live in the police house. The constable declined to

louse, the constants decimen to do so.

In May he married and went to live with his wife in the house in Waterloo Road. In July the rent allowance was stopped, but it was pald again temporarily until the police-house would be redecorated. In December, 1973, the constable and his wife bought another house at Kingsbridge Close, Preston, and moved into it. He applied for the rest allowance and received it until February, 1974, when the police house was ready. He continued to live at Kingsbridge Road and brought an action for a declaration that he was entitled to the rent allowance.

The chief constable did not approve of the constable on nor approve of the constable's house because it was a matter of policy to keep houses belonging to the police authorities occupied for economic reasons and to allocate them to junior officers, in order of juniority.

of juniority.

The matter turned on the construction of the regulations, By regulation 42(1) "A member of a police force who is not provided with a house ... shall be paid a rent allowance." Regulation 66 provided: "A member of a police force who is not paid a rent allowance under regulation 42(1) shall be provided with a house or quarters free of rent and rates."

By resulation 10 "The restrictions the striction of the restriction of the restric guarters free of rent and rates."

By regulation 10 "The restrictions on private life in Schedule 2 shall apply to all members of a police force; and no restrictions other than those designed to secure the proper exercise of the functions of a constable shall be imposed by the police authority."

Schedule 2

Schedule 2 by paragraph 1 placed restrictions on members of a police force on activities likely to interfere with the discharge of duties and by paragraph 2 provided that "A member of a police force shall not reside at premises which are not for the time being approved by the chief officer of police".

police".

It was said for the constable that he was entitled to a rest allowance unless a house was provided for him and that no such house was provided because, though offered one, he had not accepted it. Further, by regulation 10 no restrictions should be imposed other than those designed to secure the proper exercise of functions as a constable. He could exercise his functions as well from his own house as from the police his own house as from the police house, and therefore the chief con-

stable's failure to approve of the house was ultra vires. It was also contended that paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 should not be construed as allowing the chief constable to disapprove of all houses except a particular one.

His Lordship accepted the proposition in Chertsey UDC v Mixnam's Properties Ltd. (1965) AC 735) to the effect that the court, in construing wide words of a statute should confine them to those purposes that Parliament had in mind when passing the Act. The argument that, since the other paragraphs of Schedule 2 related to conduct and efficiency, paragraph 2 should be construed in the same way was not acceptable.

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A house was "provided" under regulation 42(1) if offered to a police officer. If he did not accept it, he could not say that it had not been provided. Regulation 66 merely provided that, if he did not receive a rent allowance, he should be provided with a house, it had not been suggested that the police house was unsuitable for him. Regulation 10 showed an intention to impose all the restrictions set out in Schedule 2. There was a power to disapprove of all houses except one. Thus a village policeman might be required to live in the house adjoining the police station. Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 related to conduct and the efficient performance of duties, but the same could not be said of paragraphs 2 and 3. The chief constable was entitled to have regard to wide considerations including those of resources.

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The chief officer of police had exercised his discretion without taking into consideration anything that he was not entitled to and had not fulled to consider any matter that it was his duty to consider. Even if non-approval meant that the constable had to live in a police house or forgo the rent allowance, that was a decision that the chief constable could take.

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Even if it could be said that the power had been exceeded, it was clear that the house belonging to the police authorities had been
"provided" within the meaning
of regulation 42(1). The appeal
would accordingly be dismissed.
Lord Justice Roskill and Sir
Gordon Willmer delivered concurting indements. ring judgments.

Leave to appeal to the House of Solicitors: Russell, Jones & Walker; Norton, Rose, Butterell & Roche for Mr Brian Hill,

No supplementary benefit for osteopathic treatment

Regina v Peterborough Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tri-bunal, ex parte Department of Health and Social Security Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Michael Davies Justice, mr justice michael lavies and Mr Justice Robert Goff
The court refused to uphold a grant of a sum of money, by way of supplementary payment to meet special need, to a man who, on the advice of doctors, received on the advice of doctors, received private osteopathic treatment.
Although the court expressed its sympathy for Mr Ernest Albert Dobson, of Mayor's Walk, Peterborough, it granted an order of certiorari to quash a decision of Peterborough Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tribunal, which had allowed him £200 for osteopathic treatment. For the purposes of allowed him £200 for osreopathic treatment. For the purposes of the Supplementary Benefits Act, 1966, the court held, osteopathy is a medical requirement, and is thus excluded from its provisions.

Lord Gifford for Mr Dobson; Mr Harry Woolf for the Department of Health and Social Security. The appeal tribunal was not represented. represented.

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made their decision because it was
"a case of genuine need on which
they would wish to give assistance
if properly allowable under . . .
the Act ", and had taken judicial
notice of the fact that "in this
country osteopathic treatment is
not regarded as "medical". The
tribunal, however, said that they
were aware that many people
derived much benefit from
osteopathy, and they had been
considerably influenced by the
fact that a London consultant and
a Peterborough doctor both
advised osteopathic treatment.
It was plain that the tribunal's
argument turned on section 6 of
the Supplementary Benefits Act,
1966: "The requirements to be
taken into account for the purposes of this Act do not include
any medical, surgical, optical,
aural or dental requirements."
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But the argument before the court was on a wider basis. Section 4 (1) of the Act provided that "every person... of or over the age of sixteen whose resources are insufficient to meet his requirements shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of this Act, to benefit..." Section 7 read: "Where it appears to the Commission reasonable in all the circumstances they may determine that benefit shall be paid to a person by way of a single payment to meet an exceptional need."

Dealing with the basis for the tribunal's decision, namely that the treatment which Mr Dobson

had received was not caught by section 6 and was therefore excluded from payment, it seemed to his Lordship, with all due respect to the tribunal, that the matter was unarguable. Section 6 was quite clear. The requirements was quite clear. The requirements to be taken into account did not include any medical requirement, and despite Lord Gifford's persuasive arguments and his references to old cases in which osteopaths had difficulty in recovering their fees by legal action, his Lordship was quite satisfied that osteopathic treatment certaining as recommended. ment, certainly as recommended by a consultant and another doctor, was a medical require-

ment.
Although he fully bore in mind Although he fully bore in mind counsel's submission supported by R v Preston Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tribunal. Ex parte Moore ([1975] 1 WLR 624), that the court had to bestate before substituting its own view for that of the tribunal, where it was clear that the treatment was medical then the court had to interfere. Mr Dobson's treatment was not a "requirement" in respect of which any payment could be made, according to the plain words of section 6.

Lord Gifford also said that section 7 gave the tribunal and commission and overriding discretion to make a single payment. His submission involved, as he frankly conceded, putting aside section 6 and saying it did not, in any way, fetter such an

would have done so.

Although his Lordship shared the tribunal's sympathy for Mr Dobson, and Mr Woolf had said that the commission expressly accepted their view that it was a genuine case of need, the court could not allow its sympathy to do violence to the words of the The application was well-founded and the tribunal's decision had to be quashed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Health and Social Security; James Saunders & Co.

Correction

London Electricity Board v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council

Chief Justice, Mr Justice Michael
Davies and Mr Justice Robert
Goff) held that the London Electricity Board, contrary to our report on February 11, need not pay rates in respect of a showroom owned by them but not occupied or used.

Showrooms "occupied and used" the rating authority could not rate the showroom during the period in question. The Divisional Court (the Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Robert Goff) held that the London Electricity Board, contrary to our report on February 11, need not pay rates in respect of a showroom owned by them but not occupied or used.

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tion to the rule that most premises of electricity boards are not liable to rates: section 34 (2)(b) of the General Rate Act, 1967.

Under paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act unoccupied property in certain circumstances is deemed

The Times **Special Reports**

All the subject matter on all the subjects that matter

Sacre bleu! Texas Jack hits the trail again in le sauvage Far West

The immortal James Thurber who offers him a refreshing cace recalled the pleasure he drink: "Je vous ai préparé un drink: "Je vous ai préparé un excellent whisky soda", she excellent whisky soda", she explains demurely. "Cela vous plaira, j'en suis sûre." West". It was my good for-ture, while cleaning out an attic in France last year, to come on several surviving specimens of the genre, ing "Exquis!" Then he feigns experently from the early sleep. A half-hour later, he is

years of this century. Tezas Jack, la Terreur des Indiens" had run into its third number ("en vente dans roules les librairies, Gares, Kiosques, etc")-entitled Lc Fantime Rouge du Fort Lea-ton. It sold for 15 centimes however much that was in those days, and was seemingly printed in Berlin, of all places. I would date it around 1910. The author is anonymous.

The cover (in three-colour printing) shows the mustachioed hero in buckskin assculting a marauding Indian within the wooden walls of Fort Leaton located "à un endroit fort dangereux de la forêt vierge, juste au point frontiere du Texas avec le Mexique". There is something intriguing about the contours of the Indian in the cover-picture, something which any French edo scent would have spotted

as the clue to the mystery. . . Texas Jack—his real name is said to have been Jack Hawkins—was born "dans one nodeste ferme sur les bords de la rivière de North-Canada." A trying childhood, during which his foster-parents were massacred by reaskins, in-stilled in him the mission "de ourger le sauvage Far West des coquins a peau rouge ou hanche, des Indiens et des handits qui l'infestaient."

Assassination ::::vsteries

Tack was dispatched by the White House itself to solve the rystery of nightly assessinaet Fort Leaton. Not that scalping was necessarily fatal. As lack observed during his first meeting with the commandant, Colonel Mac Kay: "Je connais mêmes de gens scaples autrefois par des guerriers indiens, et cui se portent aujourd'hui comme vous et moi."

Mounting guard on his first right, Jack is approached by the Colonel's young blonde wife, Mistress Lucie Mac Kay,

Suspecting perfidy, Jack empties the drink down his shirt-front, gallantly commentnot surprised to see a redskinlike figure creep up on him with "un bowie" in its hand (one wonders how this booklet would have survived France's latest language laws).

Overpowering his would-be scalper, Jack quickly discovers that it is Mistress Mac Kay herself, and her first request is a reasonable one: "Ne me pressez pas ainsi la poitrine avec votre genou. Si mon mari vient, je suis perdue!"

Jack inadvisedly ailows ber o explain herself tête-a-tête with her husband, the elderly Colonel, whereupon Mistress Mac Kay scalps the poor fellow and sets fire to the fort, escaping in the ensuing confu-

Jumper set off in pursuit, and have a series of adventures in their search for the delinquent lady, who is in fact acting to avenge the slaying of her former redskin lover.

In one great battle, a band white men is outnumbered defending the summit of a rock escarpment. The Indians show remarkable desterity by chimo-ing the sneer rock-face "brandissant leurs tomahawks audessus de leur têtes" (and in-cidentaliy violating a rule of French plurals which I, for one, was taught at school).

Finally, Mistress Mac Kay is lassoed by Texas Jack in a fray at the gates of Fort Leaton. And although this outpost is several days' march from the nearest white settlement, her fate is easily decided: "Elle fut traduite dès le lendemain devant un conseil de guerre convoque au Fort Leaton, sur un ordre envoyé télégraphique-ment de Washington." Neat! For those who may doubt the existence of the redoub-table hero, the blurb assures readers that "son nom a été inscrit dans le Livre d'or de la Maison Blanche." Barnum and Bailey offered him \$10,000 a

week to tour America and Europe with them, but his proud reply was: "Je reste dans ma Forêt vierge."

George Hutchinson

Disillusion and disrespect: these are the true legacies of Labour's public slanging match

to say disgust, as Mr Joe our enemies. However amusing they may be charge. narrative. Nor is it innocuous. Politically, the Prime Minister has grounds for dismey, even

As to the notorious resignation honours (not that they account for more than a fraction of this catalogue of folly), you can believe Sir Harold Wilson and Lady Falkender or you can believe Air Haines: they cannot all be telling the truth. Who is to be trusted? Like me, you have probably formed your own judgment. For my part, I do not intend to explore the nature and crigins of that preposterous rell call any further, having done so when it was promulgated-and to some effect (you may remember Lady Falkender's famous letter to The Times).

to my mind, the underlying danger is much more serious than the immediate repercussions. Nor can Mr Haines be experated from the consequences. Is it right, in all propriety, that he should publish these recollections? As a Simon Pure socialist, he may be able to defend his decision philosophically. But there are obligations to be considered. Lots of people could expose old celleagues to ridicule or worse: few choose to do so, however injured they might feel, and this is conspicuously true of public servants, of whom Mr Haines was one.

What is beyond doubt or conjecture is the damage to the Labour Party—but not only to the Labour Party and the present government. The deeper effect must be to undermine confidence in our institutions and in the probity of public David Bonavia life, to encourage scepticism

Small wonder if Mr Callaghan and promote disillusion. No to be noted for outstanding Free" was Churchill's call in is looking on with distaste, not one can cain from that, except courtesy and attention. It Opposition his ultimately suc-The prolonged Haines's Downing Street disclo-slanging match must contribute if the earlier sundards were sures and the resultant hulls to a lessening of national restored—and that reflection baloo continue to dog the pride, and thereby of interna-Labour Party day after day, tional respect. This is no light

Sir Harold Wilson and Lady in others, this is not an edifying. Falkender must carry a heavy responsibility for the electoral retribution now threatening Labour-but abetted, strangely enough, by the austere Mr Haines. If their party is falling from grace, they are all in some degree to blame.

Mr Haines's book. The Politics of Power, will be published on Monday by Jonathan Cape, price 54.95.

☐ Here is a modest illustration of the declining standards of service now so common in shops, banks, hotels and other commercial establishments -and I would suggest that it has a larger import. The other day. after buying a pair of shoes in a well-known store, I decided to take a taxi on leaving and to change_a £5 note for the purpose. Turning to the nearest assistant, I asked for change.

What a to-do I caused by that simple request. A more senior person, severe of aspect. officious in manner, at once bustled up, declaring that they were not allowed to give change. I remarked, very mildly, that I had actually been spending money in another department, and was, moreover, a customer of long standing. She examined the 55 note with an extravagant, indeed melodramatic, show of suspicion and a face like thunder, muttering against the transaction. Then, without a word, she handed me five single notes. Thus was I dismissed from the Army and Navy Stores.

Perhaps I should forewarn Sir Hugh Fraser, Lord Redmayne and other directors that after many years I may feel inclined to close my account unless they mend their ways. Their famous emporium used would do the business no harm probably applies to half the businesses in England. One irony, of course, is that

the decline, now widespread if not yet universal, is occurring in the era of "consumer protection"-a term unknown in the days when good service was the rule rather than the extraings of all descriptions. But then this may not be surprising when the business world in all its innumerable parts, areat and small, is so barassed by bureaucratic regulation and interference. When the volume of unproductive-and often futile —paperwork demanded by officialdom occupies so much time, managements may well become discouraged or demonalized. And dispirited managements are hardly likely to inspire their staffs to better

At every level, British com-

merce and industry is in need of liberation: freedom could do wonders for us all (and I mean legitimate freedom, not licence). But this is not within the gift of a government and party wedded to restrictive controls and the shackling extension of public authority. Instead, while Labour remains in office, we are for ever threatened with further checks and prohibitions: and in bondage to the state-in the crushing of individual responsibility
—lies the certainty of national
infirmity, of which falling
standards of service, private and
public alike, may be taken as evidence. When people feel oppressed, not to say hounded on occasion, they tend to become soured, as if imprisoned

It is already late in the day

by some cold autocracy.

crasful alitylan cry. Twanty-six years afterwards, Mrs Thatcher could scorcely improve on the precept or the parase.

The public row over Mr. William Camp's appointment as publicly of the railways (or should I say of their chairman, Mr Peter Parker?) may be emagaetanad. He and his compony are to receive £15,000 a year in sees and will apparently became the overloads of BR

ing attimest the Railway's Board in the interests of the unions enposed to reductions in staff semiles. Is he then pracher turned gamekeaper? Not necessarily so. Given that Mr Parker is

genuine as he earely ist in his attempt to revive railway for-tunes. Mr Camp's recruitment can not aly be justified. Like me, the litter is fond of trains and would wish our system to errrive, lowered though it was by Mr Ernest Marples and his accomplice Lord Beeching. What I fear, however, is that Peter Parker has succeeded in antagonizing many of his staff by introducing Mr Camp. I know William Camp. He is an accomplished and interesting man, although less than a giant. In recent days I have seen him described as having "master-minded" the Wilson election campaign in 1970. Well, yes, I dare say. But Mr Wilson did after all manage to lose that

election to Mr Heath. Lady Falkender was more sparing in her extraordinary (that is to say stumningly commonplace) book, Inside No 10. William Camp, she wrote, came to join us at a fairly late stage . . . had worked in a large nationalized organiza-tion, but had never been at the centre of an election campaign He did not know how Harold worked nor the form ".

No parking, please, in the Royal Jubilee riverside gardens

Probably the most enduring surroundings by th and conspicuous memorial to the Queen's Silver Jubilee will be the new riverside gardens question of going ro on the south bank of the ring notices on build Themes. The scheme has not ing 'hands off'". pleased everyone, particularly visitors to the Festival Hall and the National Theatre, who have nowhere to park their cars: one reader wrote to The Times, asking if the GLC had taken leave of its collective

senses. But of course the former site of the 1951 Festival of Britain should never have been used for anything so mundane as a car park. Occupying some four and a half acres in the very heart of the capital, confronting the historic sweep of Westminster and Whitehall, it can be fairly described as one of the finest urban locations in Ешторе.

Responsibility for its conversion to a more worthy use has been entrusted to Mr Max Nicholson, former director general of the Nature Conservancy, who has got the buildozers and excavators to work with a most un-British sense of urgency. "In a few months we will have achieved what bureaucracy has failed to do in

25 years", he proclaims proudly.

But although the project is the showpiece of the Jubilee environmental programme for London, Mr Nicholson is anxious that it should not be seen as typical. The Queen has lems, yet containing a indicated that she does not acres of derelict lan want scarce resources diverted to expensive prestige schemes. and the programme largely concentrates on low budget improvements. such as finding new uses for derelict land and empty buildings, with an emphasis on community involve-

who feel that the environmental movement has become too class amenity societies and other pressure groups. The emphasis has been on the retention of architectural monurather than on injecting new lifeblood into dying neighbourhoods.

Much of the present urban malaise is due to apathy, he believes. Admittedly central and local government policies have not helped but, however much those policies were improved, there would still be —but not too late—to arrest the process and then to turn direction. "Set the People (Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977) their ability to transform their

efforts. "Conservation is n-"This is an entirel approach and can harm."

Nor, however, is it matter of tidying up very heart of the prot Nicholson emphasiz wake townspaople up, them out of their a give them the sort of their surroundings find among villager countryside."

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Sportsview

Josh Gifford: coming up fast as the new 'wizard of Findon'

Josh Gifford is hoping to be making a name for himself. at Newbury races this afternoon The present unpredictable to saddle Major Derek Wigan's weather has made long-term French-bred hurdler, Tiepolino, planning virtually impossible in the Schweppes Gold Trophy. In his days as a jockey, the 35-year-old son of a Huntingdon farmer won that race four, arrived. On, a tour of his

When Ryan Price was earning himself the nickname of "the wizard of Findon" by capturing four out of the first five runnings of this valuable controversial handicap, Gifford as the rider on each occasion. Four times National Hunt champion jockey, he has come up the hard way having served his time first with Cliff Beechener in Northampton-shire and then with Sam Arm-trong at Newmarket. When Price decided to concentrate his attention on flat-racing in 1970, Gifford had just married Althea Roger-Smith, a talented horse-woman who had achieved success in show-jumping and three-day eventing.

Taking his courage in both hands Gifford bought Price's 200-year-old establishment at Findon and set up as a trainer on his own. The Giffords are a on his own. The Griding are a striking couple. Josh is restless and energetic with an aquiline nose and piercing dark eyes which thoughtfully consider every question. Althea, tall and room. attractive, is more placid but I talequally determined. With his ing at background and experience drop to background and experience owners flocked to Gifford; he

for trainers, and the tension caused by this situation was apparent the moment I stables the 'trainer's remarks were short and to the point. When I commented on the magnificent condition of Grand Trianon, Gifford said: "That's because he is still a colt; entire horses always carry more condition."

Finally we came to the

stable's star, Tiepolino, a hand-some bay full of quality. He looked well enough to me, but the trainer was not 100 per cent happy about him. "He is coming back to his best fast but it takes a horse some time to recover from being gelded.". Back in the house it was impossible to get a word in edgeways as the telephone rang incessantly. First the trainer diafled his jockey, Bob

Champion, to discuss tactics at Towcester. Immediately receiver was replaced, assistant, Richard Parker, walked in and said that a horse was haemorrhaging badly. Would Gifford call the yet? Meanwhile, an outsize lurcher, called Hennessy, paced nervously up and down the

I talked to Mrs Gifford, trying at the same time to eaves-drop the fascinating bits of inis busy and happy and fast the owners who 'phoned in one



Josh Gifford: came up the hard way.

after the other. During dinner promising youngster there were comparatively few interruptions but the only topic discussed was cricket about which Gifford is a fanatic.

"The selectors must be bonkers to have picked Fletcher for the fourth Test, now that we've won the series. The established players can

once, he never gets another chance", was Gifford's dislast mouthful.

We were hardly back in our armchairs in the sitting room before Mr George Sloan called from the United States. Owner of a chain of health-food stores fail time after time, but if a in Nashville, he is going to

ride his own horse Monfire in the Grand National. Now he was ringing to see if it was worth his while flying over to ride Mister Knowall against the likes of Bula in a valuable race ar Sandown. He was recom-

mended not to.
At last we talked about horses. I asked him about the difference between steeple-chasers and hurdlers. "Nowadays very little", he answered.
"Up to a few years ago the champion hurdlers such as Sir Ken and Persian War never graduated to chasing success-fully. The fences were stiffer more upright. If a horse had been hurdling for too long, he could never become adjusted to standing back and jumping off his bocks. But now that fences are sloping and more inviting, they seem to get the hang of it much more easily. Look at Bula, He won the Champion Hurdle twice and has become a high class chaser as well. Now Lanzarote looks as if he is going

to make the grade."

I asked him how he looked for his horses. "It's practically impossible. I've got scouts all over Ireland and the north of England but they're difficult to find. Anything with the right conformation and pedigree fetches over five figures. I'd rather buy a well-made individual with winning form on the flat. You know they've got the speed and it's speed that wins races. You can buy a horse out of the bogs in Ireland with all the bone and

up a good understanding. We know each individual horse and how it needs riding, but only in special cases do I tie him down to orders. Even then if he disregards them for a with me. It was the same with the Captain (Ryan Price). He never told me what to do, only gave me a good rollicking if I

What sort of a horse did it take to win the Schweppes?

Michael Seely

More pieces to the **America** jigsaw

Further instructive jig-saw fragments of evidence have been assembled by Mr Forbes Taylor to support the theory that seamen from Bristol discovered America Columbus, and kept quiet about their discovery, first for commercial and later for strategic reasons.

As in his previous work much of the evidence consists of impenetrably detailed analysis of contemporary documents with a commercial eye. reading between the lines, and by indirections finding out the direction of the clandestine voyages. But Mr Taylor of Bristol adduces a more solid potential witness: the last of the mysterious old stone towers at Newport, Rhode Island, This puzzling structure, built on eight rude columns

set at compass points, had two rooms, a fireplace, and a coni-cal wooden roof. It has been variously explained as a very early windmill, and even as a fornified round church built by Vikings. Mr Taylor suggests that it was a fortress-warehouse and trading post built by the men of Bristol, in their characteristic architectual style of the fifteenth century, for storing bales of cloth other trading goods in between voyages to their secret El Dorado in the west

He is hoping to raise sponsors and money to finance a small expedition of his own to explore the enigmatic tower with a metal detector, to dis-cover for himself whether its builders buried a coin in the foundations. But his main work has been

on the commercial and mari time documents, to fill in his theory that men from Bristol discovered the north-east coast of America from 1475 on, and that exploration was halted around 1481 for 20 years for reasons of trade and state. For example he reads in a carefully worded document of Edward IV that the Crown was aware of the westward explorations and discoveries even at that early date, and wanted them bushed up. This document is an acquittal of Thomas Croft, a customs officer of Bristol from a charge of breach of his oath of office for helping to fit out such an expedition to the

expedition has been in and around two patents of Henry VII of 1501 and 1502, whose ostensible purpose was to set out the miner but singularly complicated steps to naturalize three Portugese seamen. He asserts that these patents were in fact a thinly concealed the secret that government policy had been changed, and

Mr Taylor's principal fishing that the way was now clear for further westward voyaging and

Philip Hc. C The Times, F. R. .

Don't phone us, Fred, we are much happier phoning you

Mr. Hugh Jenkins's recent criti- get started first thing in the simple people like me We have of radio phone in programmes Frankly: Well, you certainly and the people who use them are in a bad way. You talk brought this response from one about being badly off salary-

"This is your late night phone-in programme. Tell it how it is, with Fred Frankly, your performance, and the nervour own frantic expert Disc. your own frantic expert. Rise chove yourselves, tonight, and show Mr Jenkins where he gets off when he says you phoners of British industry as compared cre ignorant, pathetic and with French or Dutch industry, moronic. Hello, Edgar from where investment has been Chean, what's your problem?" double ours, justify parity? Edgar: My neighbour has lost his job and is drawing 550 a it is not only the senior execu-week on the dole. I'm wonder-tives who feel themselves badly week on the dole. I'm wondering whether I should give up him. I get £14.000 a year, which I think is totally unwith other European managers. There are a few fringe benefits, I'ke the cut-rate mortgage on my house, a company car (taxed and insured and they pay the garage bills), belp with home

formance of British executives, is comparable with that of European managers. Does the state double ours, justify parity? You must remember, too, that

done by when they look at ray company directorship at Europe—the British worker is Cable and Wireless and join almost the lowest-paid in Europe. And as for those few fringe realistic and compares badly benefits you mention, British executives get far more in the way of company perks than their opposite numbers on the

Continent. Maybe you'd feel-less listless if you got up and dug the garden yourself! entertaining my golf club sub. And now let's hear from scription—oh, and the company Sarah of South Ockenden. seripoun—on, and the company Sarah of South Ockenden.
send a man round to look after Sarah: We are told that this the garden. But they are year's economic crisis is better, nothing out of the ordinary, and no, sorry. I mean worse them

had warnings of imminent disaster every year since the war, so when are we going to go over the top-or is it through the floor-and how will we know when we get there? Frankly: You will know when

we have reached the final crisis because both the Government and the Opposition, whichever political parties they are, will say so at the same time. Until then you must deduct about 20 per cent from the forebodings and conclusions of the Opposifurther 20 per cent from the optimistic targets of the government spokesmen. This will give you something like reality. This is not because they have all got their figures wrong, but because politicians, as a group, are rather kindly sensitive folk and they are inclined to be optimistic or pessimistic according

of office. I hope you find this helpful the device can be applied to every aspect of the economy unemployment, trading oppor-tunities, the state of the construction industry and so on. One word of caution, however, if you have been listening to the "conclusive forecasts" on nothing our of the oremany, and no, sorry, I mean worse, than if you have been listening to I'm frustrated and listless and last year's, and yet we were the "conclusive forecasts" on told that last year's was fatal. This is very confusing for nationalists, you had better

to whether they are in or out

of Doncaster.

Doreen: I am in no way colour prejudiced. In fact, I did not even refuse treatment from the charming West Indian nurses when I was in hospital recently. But can't we send all these black (bleep) back? I mean, why should we have them here anyway? Frankly. That's a tricky one.

You say you aren't colour prejudiced, so I suppose you want to get rid of all immigrant families. And if you look et the statistical surveys of the past century it soon becomes clear that there is virtually no such thing as a pure-bred English-man. Even if we only got rid of all those who have come in since the sixteenth century, we would find ourselves with no one left except the Scots and the Welsh, and a few of the more inbred members of the encient existocracy. I think you'll agree, Doreen, that we can't beave England to them. So back to the coloured population, and the first thing you notice is that there aren't all

that many of them—only about 11 million out of a total population of 58 million, and nearly 40 per cent of these were

deduct 50 per cent from their born in Britain. Theu, because estimates of the oil revenues.

Now let's hear from Doreen the average population, then the average population, then the average into the they actually put more into the state system, in terms of tax and national insurance, and take less out of it, than the population as a whole. Then there's the National

Health Service, which would virtually break down without its immigrant staff. One in every three hospital doctors is an immigrant, one in every four of all doctors in Britain. And there's all the nurses, auxiliaries and domestic staff—it's hard to see how we could manage without them. same is true of our public transport services. In the 1950s and 1960s we advertised abroad for people to come and work here because of the labour shortage so you see Doreen . . .

Doreen, are you still there? ... No? Well, never mind, we have Ted from Bexley on the Ted: Why can't we have a coalition government? Then everyone could get together to

more smoothly. Frankly: Well, quite apart from the fact that no one can agree on what's best for the country,

do what's best for the country,

and Parliament would

got it wrong.

"A bloody good one. The best hurdler I've ever ridden was Le Vermontois. He was only a novice when he ran away with the race carrying 11-3. He'd have won a Champion Hurdle for sure if he'd kept sound." Then a final word about Tie-polini. "I'm sure he's on the

way back. There's just a chance I might try a pair of blinkers on him. I don't much like them and they are a bit of a gamble. But if they work they help a horse to concen-trate in a large field. He also can't see when he's going to be hit, which is an added incentive to keep going. Mind you, they only work once on an intelligent horse. He says to himself afterwards: 'You've kidded me this time, you blighters, but you won't get away with it again."

we already have in Parliament is a coalition. Hardly a week goes by without some new combination of votes. For example, when the National Insurance Bill was voted on last month one Labour MP went into the Tory lobby, other Labour MPs abstained, and the Government was saved by the United Ulster Unionists, led by Enoch Powell, who refused to vote with the Tories. The scenario can be rewritten with almost any combination, and the electorate is getting more and more muddled about what anvone stands for and stays at home. That's coalition for you,

And now, Joan from Brightside, Sheffield. Joan: Isn't it about time we brought the troops out of Northern Ireland, where they are brutal, prejudiced and act against the local people? We could then send them to Rhodesia, perhaps, to keep order there.

Frankly: You really think like a statesman, Joan. That is quite a nimble thought. . . Sorry, I'll have to stop there, there's a call on the line from the IRA saying there's a bomb in the

Eric Moonman exploration.

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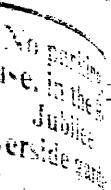
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RANGE TALES FROM IRAQ

past two days indicated raq had closed its border both countries. Yesterday ports were officially denied ghdad. It must therefore umed that the closure was temporary. Almost cerit was related to incidents occurred earlier in the luring the annual pilgrimthe Shi'a Muslims to the f their martyr, Husain ibn Karbala. According 10 officials, these incidents aused by "agitators" of en origin who tried to stir uble among the pilerims outing "anti-government actionary slogans".

unday, when the marchers ached the town of Haida-outh of the holy city of rial, the agitators, who operently armed, attacked station "killing one man ounding a woman and a in indiscriminate shoot-They were arrested, and tt day stringent security ions were taken in itself, in the course of a man was found trying nt explosives in the s shrine itself. He was ed as "an agent of the regime ".

events are open to interpretations. The ct comprises the majority Arab population in Iraq. oreover, the established Iran. But the leading in Iraq's ruling Baath elong to the "orthodox" ult, as do the majority population in most other untries, including Syria. rian President, however, ny of his most trusted nates follow the Alawite ich is a variant of the The Syrian regime also an interest in provoking conflict a priori be ruled out.

ts from Syria and Kuwait calls itself Baathist, but is between the Shi'a sect and the regarded as heretical by the Iraqi Baath, since it results from a military coup carried out in 1966 against the wishes of the pan-Arab party leadership. This dispute over legitimacy has been aggravated by differences of national (or, as the Baathists would say, "regional") interest between Syria and Iraq, and latterly by widening differences ot policy towards the Arab-Israel conflict, the Palestinian resistance, and the Lebanese civil Each regime has come to regard the other as its bitterest enemy, and no holds are barred

in the struggle between them. Until March 1975 lraq was also involved in a bitter ideological conflict with Iran, in the course of which Iran posed as the protector of the oppressed Shi'a population in Iraq, and several Shi'a religious leaders were executed in Iraq for alleged conspiracy against the Baath regime. The spectacular reconciliation between Iran and Iraq may therefore be supposed to have benefited the Shi'a population in Iraq; and it certainly made life easier for Iranian pilgrims visiting the Shi'a holy places. On the other hand it was almost certainly unwelcome to Syria, and was quite certainly disastrous for the Kurdish autonomist rebels in northern Iraq, whose revolt collapsed after the sudden with-drawal of Iranian support. Lately, however, there has been a growing number of reports of renewed guerrilla fighting in the Kurdish mountains, and of savage reprisals by the Iraqi authorities against Kurdish

civilians. Both Kurds and Syrians might therefore be supposed to have

lraqi regime, which in turn might lead to a deterioration in Iraqi-Iranian relations. But it is equally possible that the "antigovernment and reactionary slogans" reflected the genuine feelings of some of the Iraqi pilgrims (for the Baath regime is not tender with its enemies, and economic hardship persists in spite of the country's oil wealth). The incidents might have got out of hand as a result if police over-reaction; and the regime might then have found it convenient to discover a Syrian agent with a bomb in order to divert resentment against an external enemy.

The bomb is said to have been "double the force of the explosives" which went off at Baghdad airport on December 14, killing three and injuring many, after allegedly being unloaded from a plane which had just arrived from Damascus. Interpretation of that incident too remains uncertain. Was it a riposte from the Syrians to the terrorist activities of the Iraqi-sponsored "Black June"; or could it have been arranged by the Iraqi regime to add plausibility to its vilification of the "treacherous" Syrians? That may seem a far-fetched speculation, but hardly farther-fetched than the plot of General Nazem Kazzar, the former Iraqi security chief, who was executed in July 1973 for attempting to assassinate the President and Vice-President while holding the defence and interior ministers hostage-apparently planning to accuse them of the crime and proclaim himself the saviour of the country. Iraq is a strange country, where even the strangest explanations of events cannot

OOR DEAL FROM THE LIFE OFFICES

hat have been developed it years, the traditional ent assurance policy with ctable life office still its pride of place for mal people and white orkers in general. In the se who have these polie been well satisfied by tracts into which they tered. There has, howways been one minor f irritation, namely the ich life assurance comtach to policies which one reason or another, urrendered. This irritaerienced by a minority, t in these increasingly

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cal endowment policy is t for a period of twenty y-five years. No one. prudent in his or her affairs, can any longer n that a major change vorse in personal finanimstances will not take ing such a long period. lation, high housing or costs, high domestic unstable property marsudden unemployment e all combined to make ing of personal finances or impossible, over anye such a long period. e a hundred combinareasons why someone imately wish to reorder

all the new ways of proportion of their savings locked cover. When all these factors into a life assurance policy with some years to run find that, if they are to mobilize those savings, they have to pay a penalty that is unjustifiably high.

We publish on page 18 a survey of the surrender values currently being paid by a cross section of established and reputable life offices. It reveals quite clearly that for anyone who fears that he may be forced to surrender a policy before its full term, the traditional endowment policy is an unacceptably risky investment. All the advantage goes to those who stay the full term of their contracts.

industry is that an endowment policy is a contract. Anyone who surrenders a policy is, therefore, technically breaking that contract. It is questionable, however, whether this legal view is justified in today's economic circumstances. A better balance needs to be drawn between the rights of those who stay the full course and those who are forced to realize their savings.

It goes without saying that there should be some deterrent to frivolous surrender. The initial administrative costs of establishing a policy also make it legitimate for a surrender penalty to be heavy in the early years of a contract. In addition, proper account should be taken of the fact that an endowment policy also provides the policy-bolder with full life insurance

are taken into account, however, it is not satisfactory that people who have been saving for ten and fifteen years get little more than the money back that they have paid in premiums when they are forced to surrender. In some cases they will not even get their money back.

There is an element of paternalism in the attitude of life offices which produces this result. They ought, in our view, to look on themselves more in the light of trustees, for the savings of each individual policyholder. Taking due account of administrative and other costs and having a conservative view of the ups and downs of the investment cycle, life offices should pay surrender values that are related to the part of the invested funds that an individual's premiums to date represent.

It cannot be a good advertisement for the industry that, on present surrender values, a saver would be better off for a given level of premium after ten or fifteen years had he taken out ordinary life insurance and put what was left over on deposit with a bank or building society. If the small print on prevailing surrender values were forcefully drawn to the attention of those on the point of taking out twenty or twenty-five-year endowment policies, many of those who enter into them would be substantially discouraged.

M 555 TO 561

es at short notice. Those

, in effect, a substantial

of regret at the news Pakistanis, Mizra and have quietly displaced record books one of Yorkshire's and cricketing feats. In earlier this week they ed a world record first partnership of 561, g to second placeot to obscurity—Holmes liffe who, in 1932, at playing for Yorkshire Essex, fashioned 555 and elegant runs

nion-it was more than :ship—put on a hundred less than 70 Eleven times it more than 250. Is it o unfair to doubt that Wizra and Akhtar will proach that degree of ect and consistent ading?

vas there an incident, hat game in Karachi, still be talked about from now, as men still

ishman may be forgiven argue over that scoreboard in Leyton which, 45 years ago, for heart-stopping minutes, showed that the Yorkshire pair had not beaten the record after all, but only equalled the 554 set up by their fellow Yorkshiremen Tunnicliffe and Brown a generation before? The untidiness of the figure 561, too, compares unsatisfactorily with the perfect symmetry of 555. The delighted firm of cigarette manufacturers whose product bore those digits gratefully sent a crate to the Yorkshire team, who, Bill Bowes relates, smoked themselves silly. It is hard to visualize a Karachi dressing room full of products called 561.

Perhaps the most disconcerting aspect of the Pakistanis' feat was its unexpectedness. So accustomed has today's cricket enthusiast become to slow over rates and batting to match that the possibility of partnerships of that size has been largely discounted. Nothing like that has been seen for thirty years, since the two biggest stands of all, for any

wicket (577 and 574) were made. The first wicket record was one which England could reasonably have expected to keep, and the shock of it being taken away is the greater for that reason. In fact, Mizra and Akhtar took less than seven hours, nearly an hour faster than Holmes and Sutcliffe

The sadness is that the record will never come back to England. Quite apart from the general lack of barsmen talented enough individually and, more important, in combination to achieve such scores (Greenidge and Richards of Hampshire are possible exceptions) the rules of county cricket no longer permit more than 100 overs to be bowled in an innings. The scoring rate required could not in practice be attained. It is striking, too, that the record was broken by two batsmen not thought good enough to tour with the Pakistan national side. That may suggest a depth of batting strength which England may have cause to fear in years

birds, its statements were in some Yours faithfully,

W. R. P. BOURNE. 3 Contlaw Place. Milltimber, February 9.

managed to trace one bird actually polluted with North Sea oil. None the less, oil pollution from both tankers, and in some of the worst cases merchant ships, still persists, and we still await the formulation of more effective action to deal with it by both official and voluntary bodies, which have become somewhat complacent recently. It is really not enough to call up a helicopter to dump unwilling birds back in the sea. It is time we were presented with some clearer proposals for action to prevent the birds becoming oiled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eire's attitude to terrorism

From Mr David James, MP for Dorset, North (Conservative)

Sir, The conjunction of news on your page 2 (Thursday, February 10) is so grotesque as to make any lover of Ireland want to weep. The first four columns deal with the convictions of five terrorists on six charges of murdering innocent people, one of manslaughter and several of indiscriminate restaurant several or indiscriminate restaurant bombings. The next column reports the Strasbourg "torture" hearing and the Irish demand that those involved should be prosecuted. I have no doubt (and the Govern-ment have admitted) that the interrogation methods used users a

interrogation methods used were a interrogation methods used were a grievous mistake, even though I think I would sooner be subjected to them rather than be knee-capped with an electric drill. But those involved received generous compensation from the British Government; while I am not aware of any Irish offer of compensation to Mrs Ross M.: Whitter or Mrs Hamilton. Ross McWhirter or Mrs Hamilton-Fairley. Doubtless the Irish Government would assert that they carried no responsibility for IRA actions, but that is hard to square with their Court's refusal to extradite more than 30 people charged with murder on the grounds that random killings and maimings were "politically

motivated. A large number of the 1,700 people nurdered have been British soldiers, who alone stand between Ireland and a civil war that would make 1922 look like a vicarage tea party. Yet the Irish still insist on trying eight soldiers over a border infringement in notoriously diffi-cult country, who were engaged in a dangerous enterprise in the com-mon interest of Britain and the

Republic alike.

Had the Irish concentrated more on being right than righteous, and handed over Mrs Rosie Mclaughlin and Father Bartholomew Burns (to mention but two) to the British authorities for trial, it is highly likely that the power sharing executive in Stormont and the Sunningdale agreement would have survived: and Ireland might have been well on its way to de facto unity, as it would have been, but for IRA activity, from 1969 onwards. But one can but sympathize with the North's suspicion of the Republic's irrational intransigence.

I am a friend of Ireland but friendship is sometimes best served by candour. Yours faithfully, DAVID JAMES, House of Commons.

Czech human rights From Mr Ken Coates

Sir. Bernard Levin (February 1) is characteristically unjust about the attitude of the left wing to the pupper government of Czechoslo-

Since Charter 77 was published by the Czechoslovak opposition, the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation has been canvassing a declaration of solidarity among Socialists and country. Signatures are still coming in daily, but it is already very clear that the overwhelming majority of European Socialists and Communists are in agreement with the courageous people who have challenged the repression in Prague. Already 72 Labour MPs have signed this appeal.

We challenge Mr Levin to secure a similar response from Conservative MPs in protest against the bloodthirsty regime in Iran. Per-haps he might invite your distinguished contributor, Lord Chalfont, to help him. Yours sincerely,

KEN COATES, Director, The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation Limited, Gamble Street, Nottingham.

From the Editor of Comment Sir. in today's The Times (February 11) you state that you are publishing the "first authenticated translation" of Charter 77.

This is incorrect. We published

such a translation in Comment in the issue of February 5, two copies of which were delivered to you on February 2. The translation was done for us in London from a photocopy of the Czech typescript. Yours faithfully, PAUL OLIVE.

Editor, Comment 16 King Street, WC2.

Napoleon's coat

Sir, I think I can answer the queries at the end of Dr Weiner's letter of January 18, as to whether the dark green uniform cost, lately bought by the Duke of Wellington, was worn by Napoleon at Waterloo. and how it came into the possession of the Slücher family.

The late Count Alec Blücher told

From Miss Roseniary De Sausmarez

me it was not worn by Napoleon during the battle but was one of the uniform coats placed in coaches near the area fought over. This was for Napoleon to be able to change his coat if necessary to prevent the discouragement of his troops had they seen him in a mod-spattered or blood-stained uniform. This coat, and the coach it was in were sent to Germany by Marshal Blücher, after the battle.

Count Alec's father, Count Lothair Blücher, went to Radun, the Blüchers' house in Silesia in 1922, to fetch the coach to Guernsey, but it was so dilapidated it had to be destroyed—just about three years before the ceremonial carriage, sent to the Prince Regent, was burnt at Madame Tussaud's. Such forethought in planning a

battle is typical of Napoleon, and part of his greatness as a general to which Wellington paid so high a tribute, as quoted by Mr Gilmour in an earlier letter on this subject. In a letter written on March 23, 1815, Napoleon, lately returned to Paris from exile in Elba sent instructions to the Governor of that island for a canary-coloured travelling carriage, a state carriage and two coaches to be sent with other

of his possessions to Paris. These may have included the vehicles used at Waterloo. Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY DE SAUSMAREZ. Les Chênes Verts, Mont Marche, Forest, Guernsey, CL

Criticism of the Royal Family

From Mr D. E. Spilsburg From Mr D. E. Spilsbury

Sir, As one of Tom Litterick's constituents I should like to state my whole-hearted support for his political criticism of Philip's political stracks on the welfare state. Rotald Bott (February 10) is too experienced a journalist for anyone to criticize him for having missed the point, therefore his abuse of Tom Litterick and the producer of "Nationwide" must be a deliberate distortion.

abuse of Tom Litterick and the producer of "Nationwide" must be a deliberate distortion.

But says that the Prince had only spoken about "the need for challenge, opportunity and responsibility", something "naw being debated in all political parties".

By when? It is serve that the wel-By whom? It is true that the welfere state is under attack from the right wing of the Labour Party as much as from the Tory Party, but that is not a reason for the con-sort to the constitutional monarch to delve into the political arena so blatantly. Litterick, not Butt, is right over the "work" done for the royal wages, and it is typical that Butt now thinks that Philip should be able to comment on what he admits to be contentious issues and remain immune to criticism of his own privileged idleness.

Two years ago the Queen was placed by a reputable journal as the richest woman in the world—in her own right, not including all the state property essented for her personal and official use—and among the top ten personal fortunes irrespective of sex.

Against that background, her husband has been awarded a rise considerably greater than the total

considerably greater than the total earnings of any six average workers! Litterick is for more representative of the opinion of the ordinary working man than Butt. Yours faithfully, D E. SPILSBURY, 4 Robert Court, Wake Green Park, Moseley, Birmingham.

From Mr Ian Lucas Sir, It is, I think, interesting to note a considerable similarity between the itinerary of the Queen's Jubilee tour to Australasia, reported in your issue of February 9, and that of the tour carried out exactly 50 years ago by the Queen Mother and the late King George VI when they were Duke and Duchess of York (The tour started on January

February 10.

It is also interesting to compare the difference between the times occupied by the two tours. The Queen is accomplishing in six weeks a journey roughly similar to

that which took her mother and father six months by sea, at a time when air travel was still in com-

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parative infancy.

I had the honour of accompanying the Duke and Duchess of York on their tour as Reuter's special correspondent. We travelled in the correspondent. We travelled in the battle cruiser, HMS Renown, across the Atlantic to Jamaica, through the Panama Canal and across the Pacific to Fiji, calling at the Marquesas Islands on the way. From Fiji we went, as will the Change of the Canal and Accelerate the Canal and Cana Queen to a landing at Auckland and through New Zealand from north to south. Thence across the north to south. Thence across the Tasman Sea to Sydney and visits to the other Australian State capitals and the inauguration by the Duke of the new Federal capital at Canberra on May 9, 1927. The homeward journey began, as will the Queen's, from Perth and we proceeded by way of Mauritius, the Suez Canal, Malm and Gibraltar.

When that tour started, Princess Elizabeth was not yet nine months

when that four started, Princess Elizabeth was not yet nine months old and we were in Melbourne on her first birthday.
Yours faithfully, JAN LUCAS,

Renluce, Parrotts Close, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Kertfordsbire. February 10.

From Mr E. LeQuesne Herbert

Sir, I write to thank Mr Ronald Butt for writing and you for pub-lishing the article in today's Tunes (February 10). It must be a welcome relief for so many that you have so rightly condemned, with all your great authority, Litterick, MP, for his sheer nastiness and especi-ally the BBC for providing the

platform for its display.

An admission of their mistake and an apology to HM the Queen and her family, by the Director General of the BEC, would also be a relief and of some comfort to us all. Yours faithfully, E. LeQUESNE HERBERT, 22 Compton Lodge, Compton Place Road,

From Mr T. G. Noble in defending the Royal Family should so assail the Queen's English as to write "The media has to make up its mind".
Yours faithfully,

T. G. NOBLE,
Flat No 204, Collingwood House,
Dolphin Square, SW1.
February 10.

The future of Mentmore From Mr Andrew Faulds, MP for Warley East (Labour)

Sir. However much at fault the fiscal system may be and however much bureaucratic bungling may have taken place over Mentmore, it takes two to make a bargain and, in this regard, the silence from Lord Rose

disturbing. I must assume that both have a sincere concern for this country's heritage, in which event I must also assume they are doing their utmost to ensure that the major works of art in Mentmore eventually become accessible to the public in this country. In the meantime, may we hear from them? Sincerely, ANDREW FAULDS, House of Commons.

From Dr W. Iain C. Clark Sir, One point concerning the National Land Fund which you omitted in your leading article "Menumore under the Hammer" (February 7) was the arbitrary reduc-tion in the capital value of the fund of 80 per cent by the Conservative Government in 1957-58. But for this insensitive action the land fund would now be providing out of income alone a sum adequate to purchase and endow a house with a collection the size of Mentanore each ear, with monies enough remaining

for its other tasks. Consequently, with an increase in the size of the Fund at heart, I con-

that this was indeed the case: cheques should be made payable to HM Treasury National Land Fund. Those considering a bequest should contact the Treasury.

First, as Mentmore has never been

Yours sincerely, W. IAIN C. CLARK Guildford. February 7.

Education cuts From Mrs Mary Acton

Sir, At our local primary school the educational clock will soon be put back 20 years. At a meeting recently the headmaster told us the disturbing news of a decision by our county council to cut the number of his teachers from five to 3.8, in September, 1977.

There are 139 children in our school. Whatever the new planned pupil teacher ratios may be, with only 3.8 teachers this is going to make the classes far too big. Over the whole county the intention is to remove a total of 464 teachers. Is this just the easiest economy, the one least likely to cause trouble, political or otherwise?

The sum our council wishes to save is £5 million, £3; million of which is to come from education. This seems grossly unfair. Why not: 1. Cut out the cost of providing school lunches.

2. Collect our dustbins once a formight instead of once a week. 3. Cut down on administrative

4. Instead of using £2.7 million of their reserves to keep the rates down by 3p in the pound, use it to offset the cuts in teachers.

The first years at school, where the attitude to learning is inculcated and recentivity is at its cated and receptivity is at its greatest, are the ones least able to stand the knife. The economies of today will be the educational overdraft of tomorrow

draft of tomorrow.
At the other end of the spectrum, the idea of a "Tertiary Stage of Education", as reported in The Times on January 29, is expansion at the expense of this vital early period. Instead, why not marry up the nursery schools and playgroups into a "Pre-School Stage of Educa-

Is the Government's reason for concentrating on the older children political, because of unemployment? Education should be a matter of principle and not an element of party policy, thrown like a parcel Sir, It is sad that Mr Ronald Butt

tacted the Treasury recently to enquire if gifts to the Fund were tax free. The enthusiastic letter I received a few days later confirmed

I would like to add two further

opened to the public, there is, arguably, a stronger case for preerving it intact than other stately homes with which a wide public are already familiar. One aspect of Mr Marcus Binney's rescue plan is that it would at least allow us to see a unique collection before it is transported " en bloc across the oceans. Second, as the political pundits continuously remind us, we live in an age of dying industrialism, discredited capitalism, environmental pollution, class struggle and over-crowding, all of which are firmly rooted in the Victorian age. Surely we should salvage some of the few good things on which the financial magnates of that age soundered their profits? For if we lose sight of the Victorian achievement in the Arts, especially their architecture and taste, then we will be left nothing of an extraordinary age except some fine novels and many bitter memories.

The Master's House Flat, St Luke's Hospital,

from one government to another, to

be done up or undone at will. Yours faithfully, MARY ACTON, Walnuts, Mackney, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

From Professor P. B. Fellgett Sir, Mrs Shirley Williams is reported as saying (*The Times*, February 4) that talented children presented an embarrassing difficulty to comprehensive schools.

If schools are made for children, not children for schools, would it

not be more correct to say that difficulty to talented children?
Yours faithfully, PETER FELLGETT, Department of Engineering and Cybernetics, The University of Reading, 3 Earley Gate, Whiteknights, Reading,

Settlement in Rhodesia From The Pro-Vice-Chancellor,

Brunel University Sir, To lump together the peoples of Mashonaland and Masabeleland under one alien flag and call it Rhodesia was one thing; to per-petuate this unnatural association, even if the name is changed to Zimbabwe, is quite another. These two peoples have never shown much liking or respect for each other and any attempt to combine them under one flag (without the alien presence) is almost certain to lead

to bitter conflict. The only workable answer, as I see it, would be an independent Mashonaland in the north and an independent Matabeleland (or Zimbabwe if preferred) in the south, with Salisbury and Bulawayo, respectively, the two capitals. Yours faithfully,

J. D. GILLETT, School of Biological Sciences, Brunel University, Uzbridge, Middlesex.

Tone of political memoirs

From Dame Anne Godwin Sir, Cattiness and pettiness are supposed to be essentially feminine traits. Is it not strange that the two recent practioners of these arts, in their diarries and memoirs, have

been male?
And isn't it odd that in each case our hero's wounded vanity has been aroused by an intelligent, competcut and experienced woman?

I look forward to the day when some woman will write a full, frank and feline book on "men I have worked with". I hope she makes a nice lor of money. Yours cattily, ANNE GODWIN, 25 Fulbrooks Avenue, Worcester Park,

Surrey.

February 10:

From Mrs Mary Watts Sir, One can sympathize to some extent with Lord Longford's dis-like of seeing dirty linen washed in public but he should realize that, if dirty linen is not washed in public, it is usually not washed at all, and in this case the dirty linen in question is not some private squabble or scandal, but the mode in which decisions of great importance were taken at the highest levels of government.

In discussing the part played by Lady Falkender one is not concaroed with the foibles of a private individual but with a very strong possibly the strongest personal and political influence on the Prime Minister of this country at a time when we faced economic and politi-cal catastrophe, and the electorate is entirled to know in what manne, and, indeed, by whom, crucial decisions were made.

In this context it should be

realized that a distinction made between public and personal life is artificial and quite meaningless. The mind functions as an organic whole—there are no compartments labelled "public", "private", or enything else. Decisions, like all mental processes, are the result of immensely complex psychological interactions, both conscious and unconscious, going on all the time, and, unless an individual is psychotic and disassociation processes are taking place, he can no more seal off one part of his mind to prevent other parts intruding than he can stop breathing to pre-vent noxious elements in the atmosphere intruding. Yours truly, MARY WATTS.

327 City Road, EC1,

From Mr William Gates Sir, At a ceremony last September, when Sir Harold Wilson presented a bronze bust of Mrs Meir to the Israel Ambassador, I asked Lady Falkender if Alastair, age 10 years, could have Sir Harold's autograph. Lady Falkender came back a little later with a piece of paper on which was written "For Alastair from Harold Wilson". Alastair wrote and thanked Lady Falkender and she to Alastair saying how pleased she was to get his letter and that she would show it to Sir

Harold. It may be naïve of me to say so, but the trouble she took over one small boy gave quite a few of us-me, his parents, and Alastair himself—a great deal of pleasure. Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM GATES, 909 Hood House, Dolphin Square, SW1.

From Mr Kenneth Bibbert

Sir, Apropos Joe Haines, Sir Harold, and Lady Falkender, it looks as if Hilaire Belloc is still about right—
"The accursed power which stands on Privilege (And goes with Women, and Characters and Priday) Champagne and Bridge) Broke-and Democracy resumed ber reign; (Which goes with Bridge, and

Women and Champagne)" Yours, etc. KENNETH HIBBERT. Gray's Garth, Burton Pidsea.

Nuclear power From Mrs R. M. Phelps

Sir, Mr Arthur Palmer (MP Bristol North-East) (The Times, February 9) suggests all people opposed to fast breeder nuclear reactors are "extreme environmentalists" and should retire to desert islands to practise what they preach! One could equally ask industrialists to practise their materialism in deserts or polar caps. Why don't they take their highly toxic products away from this crowded country and develop an industrial area with "limitless nuclear energy", where accidents will only harm those closely involved?

More seriously, however, I feel that a country which panics about a future energy crisis and then markets 3-litre cars, raises rates on well insulated properties and con-tinues to build council accommodation which is uninsulated and expensively heated, should take a long look at its priorities.

Yours faithfully. SANDRA PHELPS,

162 Broadway, Peterborough Northamptonshire.

A plea for the encore From Mr Alex Auswaks

Sir, I would like to appeal, through your columns, to all performers to restore the encore. I cannot remember the last time I went to a concert and heard an encore given by the performers. (Andre Segovia not only gives encores, but even talks to his audience.)

There may be reasons, such as the need for musicians and staff in concert halls to get home after a long day. But one or two encores would give pleasure to many people, and I am sure there are performers who would welcome an opportunity to give just that little bit more to their audiences. Please bring back the encore! Yours sincerely, ALEX AUSWAKS, 151 Riverside Road, St Albans, Hertfordsbire.

photographs which you on February 9, showing helicopter crew liberating leansed of oil" by the CA on the Goodwin Sands hey refused to leave the

W. R. P. Bourne

irds

bey refused to leave the wides ground for concern. research programmes castle University and in nave shown that the most factor governing birds' to return to the sea is of their plumage, so that waterproof they refuse to herefore seems likely that. the last Torrey Canyon the RSPCA were returnbirds to the sea to drown. interesting to observe that, recent DoE Central Unit

inmental Pollution's Paper

dentes Qil Pollution of the

threat to sea-

ways inaccurate; for example, regarding the comparative risk posed by oil on the water and ashore while no proposals were put forward for dealing with the problem. While the RSPCA have also recently established a rehabiliasso recently established a rectain centre, with their share of the money subscribed to help birds affected by oil from the Torrey Canyon, it is located in south-west Britain, at the opposite extremity of the country from the area where the worst threat now occurs, and it scems doubtful how many oiled birds will ever reach it. So far as I can make out, little attempt has vet been made anywhere to experiment with more effective ways of preventing birds from becoming oiled in

the first place. In the circumstances, it is perhaps fortunate that (ignoring their other drawbacks) North Sea oil developments are in fact proving

rather less prone to cause pollution rather less prone to cause population than an equivalent volume of shipping. Despite earlier gloomy prognostications, so far I have only managed to trace one bird



By Paul Ocstreicher

International

Chairman of Amnesty

Jesus was a dissident. His

immoderate non-conformity led

to his death. Biblical scholars disagree whether he was primarily sentenced for reli-

gious or for political reasons.

The soiritual authorities, whom he publicly likened to a breed

of vipers, must have deeply resented his exposure of their

hypocrisy and greed. The

Remans were doubtless more

concerned about his real or potential following, the mob looking for a leader. His direct

action at the Temple, with

evident popular support, dis-

turbed the peace and itself might have sufficed to incur

charges of both blasphemy and

sedition. And, as he predicted,

his executioners undoubtedly

believed they were doing good. Had he only shown a little

more moderation he could have

the martyrs since, Jesus was demonstrating the nature of

and Miss S. J. Ingram
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. H. Hawher, of Bowling Green Farm, Cottered, neer Buningford, Hertfordshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs G. I. C. Ingram, of Stople Lees, Hastingleigh, Ashford, Kent.

Dr J. D. Jagger and Miss S. E. Lee
The engagement is announced between Jonathan David, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs D. B. Ingger, of South Lodge, Highlands Place, Fornhom, Surrey, and Sarah Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. D. Lee, of Hauthorne Cottage, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

and Miss J. Handasyde Dick The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the Rev Canon E. J. and Mrs Kingsnorth, of Bradpole Vlearage, Eridport, Dorset, and Jane, daughter of Mr G. Handasyde Dick, OEE, and Mrs Handasyde Dick, of Baker Hays, Stourton Caundle, Dorset.

Mr S. I. Maizels
and Miss C. J. Morgan
The engagement is announced
between Spencer, only son of Mr
Harry Maizels and the late Mrs
Maizels, of Harrow, Middlesex,
and Charlotte, only daughter of
Ceptain D. V. Morgan, CBE, Royal
Navy, and Mrs Morgan, of Noddswood, Ditcham, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Dr C. P. Winlove and Miss S. E. Whyte The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Winlove, of King's Lyon, Norfolts, and Sue, daruhter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Whyte, of Forlar, Angus.

standing yesterday in the wet and

standing streets and under the rain-soaked flags at half-mast this was the fourth time they had watched a sovereign go by towards the grave. It was a moment to stir memories and, as happens when

Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping

The Bristol Chamber of Com-

merce, Industry and Shipping

held their annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, last night. The president, Mr Walter Bigland, was in the chair and the principal

The Vice-Chancollor of Bristol Uni-visity, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Mr Join Holms American Embassy and Sir Francis Sandlands, Tac Blahop of Bristol, the Citer Constable of Avo-and Somersel and the Matter of the Society of Merchant Ventures were among those present.

The annual dinner and ball of

the British Philippine Society was

held at the Inn on the Park yes-

terday. The Charge d'Affaires of

the Philippines presided and the

other speakers were Mr M. G.

Elliott, chairman, and Mr Denis

Rooney, chairman of the South-

east Asia trade advisory group of

the British Overseas Trade Board.

British Philippine Society

speakers were:

Mr R. J. Kingsnorth and Miss J. Handasyde Dick

Mr S. I. Maizels

Forthcoming

Mr C. H. A. Hawker

marriages

of which St Paul wrote, is put prevailed. It is an irony of

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CLARENCE BOUSE

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 11: Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston had the honour of heing received by Queen Elizabeth. The Queen Mother this afternoon when Her Majesty, on behelf of The Queen, invested her with the present of a Community of the Insigniz of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend the premiere of the film Nickelodeon in ald of the Royal British Legion at the ABC 1 Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, Loudon, on March 3.

Princess Alexandra will be present at a gala performance by Elton John in aid of the Queen's silver Jubilee appeal at the Rainbow Theatre, Finsbury Park, London, on May 2.

Birthdays today

The Hon Anthony Berry, MP, 32; Lord Boothby. 77: Mr David Bruce, 79: Sir James Dunnett, 63; Sir Derek Erskine, 72; Lord Granville of Eye. 78; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 67; Mr Acticony Howard, 43; Lord Moyola, 54; Mr Lawrence Tanner, 87; Signor Franco Zeffirelli, 34.

TOMORROW: Sir Hubert Ash-TOMORROW: Sir Hubert Ashton, 79; Lieutenant-General Sir Ruger Bower, 74; Earl Cadogan, 63; Professor Dame Helen Gerdrer, 69; Colonel Sir Douglis Glover, 69; Sir Ruy Harrod, 77; Sir Nerille Pearson, 79; Mr John Peyton, MP, 58; Mr Francis Pym, MP, 55; M Gergges Simenon, 74.

Prince is made a Royal Knight of the Thistle

The Queen has appointed the Prince of Wales a Royal Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Scot- Isad's oldest order of chivalry, it was announced yearrlay. He will be invested and installed at a service in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on May 23, during the silver jubilee visit to Scotland.

'Survival' awards

Two programmes in the Anglia Television Survival series have won Christopher awards, given in the United States to programmes for "their affirmation of the highert values of the human spirit". The Anglia programmes, about spiders and orang utans, were transmitted last September.

Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

The following have been elected fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh: Pry D. M. Mitchell, bonorary consultant physician, Adviatide Hospital, Dubl'n; Dr. B. G. Alkan, President, Royal College of Physicians of Irwand; Pro-fersor R. E. Kondyll, protessor of Pry-blatty, Edinburgh Univ: Professor Guither A. Newhaus, professor of Internal medicine, Berlin Univ.

Latest wills

Residue for benefit

Of the elderly

Miss Rosaline Edith Coleman, of Wolverhampton, left £113.925 net. After personal and charitable bequests she left the residue for bequests she left the residue for old people's charities.

Alrs Mabel Payne, of Stratfordon-Avon, left £73,876 nct. After
personal bequests she left the
residue equally hetween the RNID, St Dunstan's, the Guide Does for the Blind Association, and the Children's Country Holidays Fund. the Blind Association, and the Children's Country Holidays Fund.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid : duty not disclosed):
Roberts, Miss Dilys Ebba, of Bexhili ... £102,702 memories and, as happens when grief has quickened awareness of the past. the memories came in confusion, forgotten details ming had enjoyed the informal dome informal dome his place in the confusion of Westminster.

Reception

Mrs V. O'Donovan The chairman and Mrs Vincent O'Donovan gave a reception for the officers, committee, members and guests of Kensington and Chelsea for Europe at the and guests of Kensington and Chelsea for Europe at the Topolino d'Ischia restaurant, Draycott Avenue, on Thursday evening, Mr John Pinder also spoke. Among the guests were: Lord Wilperforce. Sir Bedby Crofton, Sir Geoffeys and Lady Jockson, if Nicholas Scott, htt. John Biggs-Prison, htp. Courless Kazain, Sarary, Squadron Lador Donnies desirgiston Young-James and Wung Commandar Julien Labos.

Dinners Lord Brockway

Lord Brockway entertained memburs and guests of the Interna-tional Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday.

Those present included:

The High Commissioner for The Gambla and Miss Semega-Jamoh, the Eigh Commissioner for Tauzania, Mrs C. Leona (Mission of Tauzania, Mrs C. Leona (Mission of Tauzania).

By R. U. Hingorani.

Wesnorial service

Wing Commander J. Lawson
A memorial service for Wing
Commander James Lawson, RAF
(retd), was held yesterday at St

Cimbi. Ar E. W. Swonion, Mr Nibbs Dovis, Mr Dated Frost, 1 The Guardian "I. Recital Many Company of the Process of the Committee of these Unions, International Konsy Football Passes and Committee of these Unions, Mr A. E. Parker (Sussex Rurby Football Dand) and Committee of these Unions, Kr A. E. Parker (Sussex Rurby Football Union), Mr A. E. Parker (Sussex Rurby Football Union), Mr A. E. Parker (Sussex Rurby Football Union), Mr A. E. A. Khiraweek (Yorkshire Rurby Football Union), Cardon Union), Cardon Committee of Committee of Committee of the Committee of Surrey Rurby Union), Committee of Surrey Rurby Union, Mr A. T. T. Street (Surrey Rurby Union), Mr George Committee of Surrey Rurby Union), Grana C. yam (Market Surrey Rurby Football Union), Mr G. Corpford (Sussex Rurby Union), Grana C. yam (Market Surrey Rurby Union), T. C. Corpford (Sussex Rurby Union), T. G. Schumatord, and Fireton phickpoint Cimbi.

Science report

Bacteriology: Sale of 'toxins'

It has been made clear by Mr loss strains of Ecoli, a bacterium Gilbert, Minister of State for that is ublquirous in the human Defence, that bacteria advertised gut. Haemoninius influencec has sometimes been implicated in for sale in kilogram quantities by the Microbiological Research Establishment of Porton Down (MRE) are neither dangarous, nor destined for unsuitable buyers. Some confusion has been caused by statements attributed to the Pharmaceutical Society that "all Pharmaceursca Society man "aff these bacteria are dangerous toxins", and "any laboratory that is going to use them . . . can at the some time grow them them-

scives Bacteria may be pathogens (disease-causing organisms) but they carnot be tories (potenties) but they carnot be tories (potenties), although pathogenic factoria Chen produce tories. Of the MRE however, must an horm.

meningitis and rare sentic condimembers and rare series condi-tions, but is commonly found in the throats of heathy people. Is stearothermorbitus and T acque-ticus are soil and water bacteria which do not infect men or

Those bacteria may be needed Those bacteria may be needed in large quontities by researchers who do rot, in fact, necessarily have the facilities, thus and expertise to grow them for themselves. They generally come in standard frozen blocks, which are thaved and then used for the extraction of easymes or other kinds of molecule used in blochemical or molecular biological research. molecular blological research.

Because of its expertise and
facilities, Porton Down is an inwaltable course of standard strains

of bacteria for research. It also provides a useful contract service for research scientists who need large quantities of bacteria to meet particular requirements.

Those facilities would be neither

available nor u-cful to a terrorist looking for something virulent to put in the water supply. They do. however, make parable very sophisticated genetic research which depends on enzymes for cutting up genetic material (DNA) in a precise way. One such enzyme exists in Thermus aquaticus, a bacterial native of natural hot springs and one that is too exotic to be cultivated with any ease in most of the laboratories that might need it. By Nature-Times News Service.

1977.

Caesar's clash. Citizenship is, by definition, subversive of injustice in all societies, sia Before 1917 the Evangelicals Hauled before the authorities were the victims of the Ortho-Hauled before the authorities in Jerusalem, Peter simply proclaimed: "We must obey God day's hardships. Polish Prorather than men". Peter and testants would shudder at the
Paul, tradition has it, were both
executed. Jesus had shown that
love is possible. The Father's
double irony. One of Marx's

will can be done. At great cost, dreams was that socialism Bonhoeffer knew of that free would put an end to the dom. When the Gestapo came tyranny of dogma. The Kremlin rulers reinstated the inquisition just as Christians were painfully learning to repudiate it. There is then no place for

to hang him he took leave of his friends with hope; his life's

That is the context in which

end was also its beginning.

Longboats

the Queen

Apia. Feb 11 .- The Queen and

the Duke of Edinburgh arrived

here in Western Samoa on board

the royal yacht Britannia today to

begin a tour which also includes

Torto, Fiji. New Zealand, Aus-

Four longitudes, each manned by

40 rowers, precied the royal vacht

as thousands of Samoans watched

from wharves and beaches. Three

bands played at the pier where

the Britannia tied up and a royal

salute fired by same batteries

The royal couple had earlier

landed at Pago Pago, in American

Samoa, after a long flight from London by way of Los Angeles.

They then transferred to the yacht

for the silver jubilee tour of the

After their arrival at Apia, the Queen held a reception in the royal yacht. Wearing a light green floral dress, white hat with green

horal aress, white gloves and shoes, should and white gloves and shoes, she showed no sign of latigue after her flight from London. Tomorrow she faces a busy schedule, including a traditional

schedule, including a traditional welcoming coremony by the Samoans, who achieved independence in 1952. The royal party will drive through Apia and visit Vailima, the home of Robert Louis Stevenson, the nineteenth-century writer. In the late afternoon, the Queen and Prince Philip will leave in the Britannia for Tonga.—Reuter.

gun carriage, bearing the coffin draped with the lion and leopards and harp of the royal

banner, passed them slowly yes-terday, as one bad done 16 years before, on its journey from Sandringuam. The King had come

from a country home where, like his father and grandfather, he had enjoyed the restful contrast of informal domesticity, to take

his place in the ceremonial pomp

I Squadron HAC
The annual dinner of 1 Squadron,
Honourable Artillery Company,
took place vesterday at Armoury
House. Major T. C. Colville, HAC,
officer commanding, was in the
chair and the guest of honour was
Earl Jellicoe. Other guests included
Major W. C. Loscombe, vice-president HAC, Major-General W. H. D.
Ritchie and Lieuterant-Colonel

Ritchie and Lieutenant-Colonel B. A. Kay, HAC, commanding

39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)
Lieutepant-Colonel W. J. C. Foster and officers of the 39th (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers) gave a dinner in bonour of the Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs at 79 Worship Street yesterday.

terday. Among those present

terray. Among mose present were: Marshal of the RAF Lord Envertea Admiral Sir Terance Lewin, General Sir beerin Branall, the Matans of Frek-ary, Tumbridge Wells and Earbury, Major-Generals J. Swinson, P. A. M. Tighe and P. G. Shapkand and Brigadier E. J. Nolan.

Service dinners

1 Squadron HAC

officer.

southern Pacific.

be measured by reigns, but for the British as a whole this is the natural and the only way. Thus they recall what has happened to their nation and Com-

boomed out across the water.

tralia and Papua New Guinea.

in Samoa

greet

the Church of England's Gene-Christian self-righteousness. In ral Synod next week debates Britain religious toleration did its responsibility in the field of human rights. Like the rejection of slavery, the affirmation of religious liberty is a relatively not come without centuries of bitter bloodshed of which the present Irish aftermath is part. Islam remains intolerant? We new idea, not least among were the crusaders. Jews Christians. The churches have remain unreconciled? In our only reluctantly relearnt from century, Christians allowed five secular humanism what is milion to go to the gasimplicit in their gospel. For chambers. At no time did the saved himself. his closest implicit in their gospel. For chambers. At no time did the followers and the authorities a great deal of unpleasantness.

Like the prophets before and the martyrs since, Jesus was tion was not a brief aberration. The institution, went the martyrs since, Jesus was a fine tolerance and freedom for despite the institution, went the martyrs since, Jesus was a fine tolerance and freedom for despite the institution, went the martyre in their death Comdespite the institution, went with them to their death. Comwhich even Paul had to plead munists remain hostile to religious liberty. The "glorious in the early church was soon liberty of the children of God", rejected. The Temple tradition Christians. No more-end no

less-than ardent Christians

President Giscard d'Estaing decorates Marc

Chagall, the painter, with the Grand Cross of

the Legion of Honour during a lunch at the

The guild has had a meeting tension because of billding with the Theatre Writers' delays at the theatre. He also Union about representation, gets a minimum of 7! per cent The union has 150 members on royalties.

The union quotes the case of

Howard Brenton, who wrote Weapons of Happiness for the

National Theatre and recently

won a London Evening Standard drama award for that

work. He received £150 for the

play, the union said.
The National Theatre said

yesterday that Mr Brenton re-

the contract to commission the

ceived that figure on signing

on acceptance of the script, and

£250 as a 12-month contract ex-

resume in Venice

director for the United Nations Environment Programme which

organized the Athens meeting,

told a press conference that further discussions would be held in Venice in mid-October.

"The Athens meeting was a

cuccess. The governments have identified the principles they want included in the protocol", he said. " But in some cases they

were not able to resolve some

He expected the treaty to be agreed at a conference to be

held in Monaco in November, although the formalities of sign-

ing and ratification would take

technical aspects."

much longer.

Sea pollution

From Our Correspondent Athens, Feb 11

talks to

Theatre writers divided

on pay negotiations

Elysée palace yesterday.

tions, the recently formed

Theatre Writers' Union or the older established Writers'

Guild, which speaks for writers

in other fields as well, should

represent them in negotiations

with the National Theatre about

payment for their work.
The theatre wants construc-

tive negotiation, but recognizes

only the TUC-affiliated Writers' Guild as the official negotiating

body; it was nominated for the purpose by the Federation of Theatre Unions.

Effects of some

'need research'

The environmental impact of some

big development projects may need

research, according to a report

published vesterday by the Depart-

ment of the Environment. It covers the techniques and proce-

dures required and has been writ-

ten by two planning experts. The

department has published it to

Most projects, the report says,

are dealt with adequately by local

government, but there may be between 25 and 60 a year "where the nature of the development, taken in conjunction with the existing environmental conditions, is such that large-scale and complete the conjunction of the conj

plex environmental impacts still occur".

The report recommends a procedure for setting up machinery to analyse such projects. The appripriate planning authorities are county councils or their equivalents, the authors believe.

Rescurch Report II: Emiranmental Impact Analysis (Mr I. H. Mardonald, Room P2'115, Department of the Emiranment, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1, £1.85).

Today's engagements

Albert Museum, 10-6.

Tomorrow

Correction

E-hibition: Hoffmung and his world of music, Victoria and

Exhibition: Reproductions of Japanese prints, 1700-1964, Arts Council Shop, 28 Sack-ville Street, 10-2;

International Furniture Show,
Earl's Court. 9-8.
Crusts Dog Show, Olympia, 9-8.
Ornithological walk, Kow Curdens; meet Victoria Gate, 10.30.

The Duke and Duches of Clencester attend concert in aid of Canter Research Cammaign and D'Oyly Carte Trust, Sasuy

Ethioition: Unofficial Russian art, ICA Galleries, The Mall, 2-6.

Research on new potato viruses mentioned in a Science report on January J1 was carried our at the Scottish Borticultural Research

Institute, nor the Scottish Flant

Hotel, London, 7.40.

developments

Ev a Stoff Reporter

The liberty of man caught between God's will and Caesar's OBITUARY

Yet the tradition set by Jesus

their churches, some Christians have struggled for that now humanity which is for all. friend and foe alike. They have not been punished for wor-shipping God but for siding with the outcast. They are the living expression of "God's judgment on every form of alienation, oppression and dis-crimination (Lausanne Evangelical Congress, 1974). It is not for saying Mass, but for living Communica, by demanding land for hungry peasants, that Dom Helder Camara's chaplain was gunned down in Brazil. Dr Billy Graham can fill a studium in Seoul with evangelical preaching, and go unmolested. The few who then apply that gospel by pleading for the victims of police terror now share their prison cells. Religious liberty for a Christian does not find its highest expression in indignation at

the suffering of fellow Christians, but in a common commitment with them to prayer and action for that new humanity which lesus called

to the test when God's will and history that Orthodox and who persecute communists in the Kingdom. In that new order Caesar's clash. Citizenship is, Evangelical Christians suffer many parts of the world. The the liberation of the torturer by definition, subversive of together today in Soviet Russcores are tragically even. matters no less than that of his injustice. victim. Nor is religious liberty primarily about the freedom to worship God. Hitler punished no Curistians for doing that. has never died. Often despite He killed them for loving Jews. That was their service. It is all there in the parable of the Last Judgment: "In whatever way you failed the least of my brothers", said Jesus "you protiners", said Jesus "you have failed me." Religious liberty, for Christians, includes the right and indeed the duty

to oppose injustice in word and

Next week those of us who make up the Church of England's "parliament" will do well to take to heart some words of Gerald Winstanley, leader of the Diggers, a seventeenth-century protest movement of the English peasantry against the worldliness of the Church and the tyranny of the rich. From biner experience he wrote: "There are few who act for freedom, and the actors for freedom are oppressed by the talkers and verbal professors of freedom." Words nevertheless, in many countries, are a passport to prison.

Rare Ushak carpet is sold for £42,000

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Two rare antique curpets were offered for sale by Lefevre and Partners yesterday. A star Ushak detine from the late signeenth or early seventeenth century was sold for 5-2,000 (comme 230,000 to 540,000); it measures 13fr An by 7ft 2in. A sixteenth-century Tit Zin. A sixteenth-century medellion Ushali. 23t 9in by 16tt 8in, was soid for £33,000 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000). Both went to institutional buyers whose caose to remain anonymous. There was also an eighteenth-

riere was also an eighteenth-centery konva romadic rug from Tariner, Sit Jin by Sit, which was sold for 55.200 (estimate 55.000) to 57,000). The sele contained 58 pieces, of which all but one were sold, making a rotal of 5190,000. The Lefevre auction rather over-The Leterre auction rather over-shadoned a corpet sale at Sottlews. They had 97 lots of Caucasian and Turkman carpets, an experimental specialist rug sale, combined with about a hundred lots of oak furniture. The sale totalled 5109,130, with 23 per cent

unsold. The main unsold lots were in the carpet section. A rare Verne Kelim rug. 6ft 6in by 5ft, a nine-

Reini rug. bit am by sit, a bine-teenth-century piece in good con-dition, was sold for 14.500 (esti-mate 15.600 to 17.000). Christie's sold time commental pictures for a total of 1246.505, with 15 per cent mosted; that per-centures reflected important unoid centage reflected important unsold lots such as a vast Eugene de Blass, "On the Balcony", bought in at \$10,000 (csamate \$12,000 to

Colnaghi's paid the top price or the day at £11.000 (estimate £15.000 to £20.000) for "The Royal Mosque in Islaham", by Eugene Napoleon Flandrin. It is a vest painting, 491in by 791in, by a French mineteenth century

lorg on Ingresque saw paracu-larly strong prices for Maisse. His lithograph of 1924. "Odalisque assise, jupe de tulle", was sold for \$9,000 (estimate \$6,000 to \$7.500), or \$5,233, and a 1929 etching. "Accablement", made etting. "Accadement", made \$4.000 (estimate \$2,200 to \$2,800), or \$2,250. Picasso prices were un-even, with a 1947 lithograph, "Femme assisé et dormeu.e", at \$6,250 (estimate \$7,000 to \$8,500), or \$2,534.

Among the bargains of the sale was Edouard Maner's lithograph of 1371. "Guerre Civile", at \$2,750 (estimate \$4,000 to \$5,000). or £1.529. The sale totalled £215.625, with 22 of 231 lots unsold, including Pornard's colour lithograph, "L'enfant à la lumpe "bought in at 9,000 (esti-mate \$11,000 to \$14,000), or £5,233.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Air David Young, MP for Bolton, East, to be parliamentary private secretary to Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence.

Prospective candidates

Mr John Bloom, aged 42, a research officer with the National Union of Public Employees, to be prospective Labour candidate for Croydon, South. As the general election Mr William Clark (C) had a majority of 14,189 in a three-cornered fight. Sixteen Mediterranean countries, after a one-week meeting in Athens, agreed today on the main principles of a protocol to control land-based sources of pollation, but decided that they needed further discussions before binding themselves to a treaty, Mr Peter Thacher, European

Mr Paul Kavanagh, owner of a London-based engineering tiem, to be National Front candidates for City of London and Westminster, South, at the fortbcoming byelection. At the general election Mr Christopher Tugendhar (C), had a majority of 5,761 in a four-cornered contest.

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MISS GRACE WILLIAN

Versatile Welsh compose

was masterly, par her command of the of a small group of composers who became lifelong friends. In 1930 she went with the and in writing for Octavia travelling scholarship was a first-clas: musician with a knowledge of m to Vienna where she studied with Egon Wellesz, who had a high opinion of her as a comelways knew, and poser. For a time she worked own mind; she on the educational side of the own opinions an-BBC in London, but eventually returned to Wales and lived for the rest of her life in Barry, working freelance, principally for the Welsh Region of the BBC. These were bread-and-butter jobs, her real career was writing music and the kent wo Her works ar performed and especially in Walc

a much beloved fi Welsh musicians generous interest writing music, and she kept up composers and a k humour. For 15 an outstanding stream of works: two symphonies; an 1946 she taught orchestral suite Penillion (a School for Girls, Proms commission); a violin concerto; "sea sketches" for pat then tetatued gan. She had a d string orchestra; Missa Cam. Wales, and of the brensis for Llandaff Cathedral; enduring affectio a choral suite; and a large home at Barry, who number of choral pieces and and died.

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MR G. V. FERGUSON

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George Victor Ferguson, who died on January 26 in Montreal in his seventy-ninth year, was one of the ablest and most influential Commonwealth newspaper editors.

Born in Cupar, Fife, he enti-grated when young and was educated at the University of Alberta and at Oxford. He belonged to a group of his genera-tion. most of them Rhodes scholars like himself, whose spectacular abilities were to enhance Canadian universities, public service and public life

during a critical era. His long, richly varied career included a short stint on the foreign desk of *The Times* and a rewarding association with The Times Literary Supplement, but his first senior contribution was to be made on the Winnipeg Free Press, where he became right hand man to its editor, the late J. W. Dafoe. Dafoe helped to shape Ferguson's powerful mind and un-erring sense of style at a time when the Winnipeg Free Press was, perhaps apocryphally, regarded as equal in quality, if not in circulation, to the Baltimore Sun and the Christian Science Monitor. Ferguson was part of the strong editorial team which ultimately succeeded Dafoe, he was made managing editor in 1934 and executive

editor in 1944. Few excelled him in a profound awareness of the Cara-Capada. He did dian political scene, and the enough, during economic realities underlying it. He was dedicated to the interests of western Canadian agriculture, and saw it into some the cowardly, the stability in time for the massive and the corrupt. On pay negotiations

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cies, and his services to the always was.

Mr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, before the era of in President of India since August, in India. He was 1974, died of a heart attack in active in Assam f New Delhi yesterday at the age of 71. He was the second Muslim to hold the office-the late Dr Zakir Husain was the Education Minister first—and he was the fifth president since independence was gained.

A veteran and faithful, if 1972 after serious olourless, supporter of his colourless, supporter of his old As Congress colleader, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, president in 1974 and his daughter, Mrs Indira Gandhi, Ahmed was born in Delhi in May, 1905, the son of an Indian medical official, and an his mother's side claimed descent from Mirza Ghalib, the Urdu poct. He read history at Catherine's College, Cambridge, and was elected w was called to the Bar by the per cent of the total. inner Temple, and, returning to

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MR E. SPENCER SHEW

Mr Edward Spencer Shew, a 20 years, and was political journalist at West in 1965, From 196 mioster who died yesterday in retirement in 1971 a nursing home at Weston-political correspond super-hare, aged 68, was a Press Association. well-known lobby correspondent. For 15 years, from 1953 to 1968, he was honorary secretary of the Parliamentary a two-volume encyc murder, which in 19 Edgar Allan Poe av Lobby Journalists, and was chairman in 1968-69. Spencer Shew had been political correspondent of the His wife, also a Exchange Telegraph agency for some years ago. His wife, also an a

Edith Lady Wedgwood, widow of tue second Baron Wedgwood, died on February 4. She was the daughter of William Telfer, and she was married in 1920.

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by the memory of a 9—6 win at Gloucester early this season and by the knowledge that the opposing backs have been much reduced by injuries. Kingston, the Gloucester and former England serum-half, may have played his last match this season. The centres, Jardine and Vine, are cost of the running, too. But Button, an England reserve in Dublin, is back.

Bedford will be fielding their best side at Goldington Road but Rosslyn Park have bad to move Treseder to centre in place of the injured Flusky. Bate comes in at full-back.

full-back.

It is no easier trying to predict the outcome of the games already mentioned than those between London Welsh and Northampton, and Saracens and Richmond. The Saints have a doubt about their captain, Page, who has a leg injury, but if he is passed fit this morning there should be an interesting clash at helf-back involving three England Internationals: Page and Wright for Northampton, and Bennett (in harness with Alun Lewis) for the Welsh.

Northampton won 18—3 at Old

Northampton won 18—3 at Old Deer Park on January 1 but after a run of 10 games without defeat

a run of 10 games without defeat have struck an indifferent patch. The Welsh, however, may need to play a lot better in midfield than they did against Bath in the last round. Richmond beat Saracens 26—16 at the Athletic ground last month but this one is at Southgate, where Saracens have lost only twice this season.

The Hertfordshire club, Old Fullerians, who have done splendidly to get this far, must see themselves cast as David against Goliath when they take on the holders,

an earlier stage, meet in London today, and Headingley, who were due to play Bedford, have a re-arranged fixture at Sale.

the season, when we have one or two crucial club, games, including one against Rosslyn Park which will be important in qualifying for next year's John Player Cup. There is also the Easter tour of Wales, where Claxton is held in high warred.

Wellington, Feb 11.—Jack Sullivan resigned today as chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

He gave no reason for stepping down. Mr Sullivan took an uncompromising stand over maintaining sports comacts with South Africa.—Reuter.

sisting of Cassell, Stokes, Mangham and Harvey could tax the England defence and their own rearguard is well fortified with Elson in the middle and Gill and Mark Watson behind him.

Stephen Long will not be able to play for Bury St Edmunds YMCA against St Albans in the eastern final of the national club championship at Clarence Park tomorrow. His skill and energy are in greater demand for the Lilleshall exercise. Gary Waters, one of Bury's younger forwards, will also be training, with the England under-21 party at Aldershot. So Randle, not so young but still fast and fit, will have to lead the attack and rely on Jamieson's cool

attack and rely on Jamieson's cool authority in the middle line.

St Albans will not have Hurst their No 1 goalkeeper, also on the Lilleshall roll call, but can still court on some of the leading Hert forcible allers allers and the still court on some of the leading Hert forcible allers allers and the still still allers aller

count on some or the learning Herri-fordshire players, such as Morgan, Ashby and Grainger. Both teams will qualify for the national rounds, the witners for the quarter-final round, the losers for the preliminary round.

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Rafter returns for

West Country duel

Rugby Union

rins is a marin that might produce the eventual knockout winners this year and Moseley, at full strength, should prevail with home advantage. Leicester are denied the services of their left wing, Barker, who was injured in the last round against Wakefield. His place is taken by Reeve.

time at Kingsholm. Gloucester won a second round game, 15—4, in 1972 and then went on to become the first knockous winners by defeating Moseley in the final. A year later, Bristol were successful, by 16—11, and lost the final to Coventy. That was the occasion, before replacements were allowed at this level, when John Pullin was carried off the field almost at once with a broken

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Claston, was suspended for 14 weeks after being sent off in Middlesex's county match against Eastern Counties last October, for purching. He was then benned until the end of the season by the Middlesex disciplinary conmittee for playing in a Sunday match while under suspension.

match while under suspension.
Clayton, reputed to be an abrasive forward, felt he had a case in appealing against the second suspension and be had the

By Sydney Friskin

If the weather at Lilleshall today is as bad as it was in midweek
the England world cup training
party will have a wet weekend at
the National Sports Centre, where
they are due to play a match
against the Midlands President's
XI tomorrow, starting at 11.45 am.
The match might be played on the
all weather pitch which can stand
up to a heavy downpour.

There should be plenty of scope

up to a heavy downpour.

There should be plenty of scone for experimentation in the Ligiand party of 24. Edwards (Oxton and Cheshire), at full back, has had many a distinguished game this season and should be worth a place. So, too, should Gavin Featherstone (Hounslow and Oxfordshire) and Swayne (Beckeahum and Hertfordshire), who, but for the weather, would have played for the Hockey Association XI against Oxford University at the Parks on February 1.

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Hockey

By Sydney Friskin

Claxton's suspension cut

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tax England defence

ıan Fox Correspondent ng to the Football fter being so firmly and assured by the Dutch ootball is out-moded will oorball is our-moded with it. The week has brought partassment to England estic affairs that would seem startling have the after-glow of those unge shirts of The Neth-

United's le United's players to walk out over the appointing a new man-Burnley's supporters are syrott of today's second match with Hereford a protest against the of the club's chair-Lord. Crises in their sps. but of no wide signed to make the compared with the raising standards of

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evie. the England in find little solace in plug set by the first leading scorer, Gray, and the manager, Terry Neill, was not going to put up with many more lapses of discipline on the field.

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Sunderland's neck



confronts the much improved Man-chester City defence at Maine Road. This is another match surfering from the injury effects of Wednessay's international. Man-chester City are not sure that their central defender, Watson, will have recovered from a sprained ankle and Booth stands in readiness for his second game of the season. Arsenal have no injuries, but this week there were signs that the manager, Terry Neill, was

perate search for a gual.

Bristol contributed little in the

so emphation with offside that at one stage every player except the two goalkeepers was rushing towards the centre line—the Bristol players trying to get back, the Sunderland players trying to place them offside

Sunderland won the race to the halfway line and the free-kick, but it was an undimitied spectacle. In the Bristol defence, Norman Hunter was his rocklibe

Norman Hunter was his rocklinand indestructible self. When the

exchanges became ill-tempered following Sunderland's goal he managed to keep out of seriou-trouble, but impetuous spirits on

both sides were booked, five players in all receiving the yellow card: Whitehead, Gow and Ritchie, of Bristol City, and Towers and Arnott, of Sunderland.

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By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Michael Raiter, the Bristol open-side flanker, has been passed fit to play for his club in the second round of the John Player Cup competition against Gloucester at Kingsholm this afternoon, and so purs himself in line for rocall to the England XV for the international against France at Twickenham next Saturday. A bruised chest obliged him to withdraw from the England team that won 4—0 in Dublin last week. Tony Neary was brought back to take his place, and played so well that one of them must count himself hard done by when the next side is amounced on Monday.

The match at Kingsholm, which has all the makings of a very stern encounter, is one of three knockout ties to attract the attention of the national selectors. The others are Moseley v Leicester, which early yesterday was at some risk because of a waterlogged pitch at the Reddings, and Bediord v Rosslyn Park, a reprise of the 1975 final so impressively won by the east Midlands chub.

Charles Smallwood, the Moseley secretary, was optimistic about their game taking place. The ground was drying out well yesterday and, provided there was no more rain overnight, he thought the surface should be reasonably playable. There is to be an inspection this morning at 10 am.

Ron Harris, one of football's hard men, shows a strong dislike for mud during training at Stamford Bridge.

defenders. Beattie pulled a celf muscle at Wembley; Hunter strained his back in a midweek game in Sweden; and Burley aggravated a knee injury when praying for Scotlanu's under-21 side.

If England are to return to traditional strengths, there could be no more traditional centre forward than Macdonald, who today confronts the much improved Mantale, makes his return to the tain, makes his return to the Onsen's Park Rangers team at West Bromwich. After missing the

first half of the season because et a back injury he will need ser-cral weeks in which to sharpen his game and trim his shape. After his game and trim his shape. After that his return to the England team should not be delayed.

Heavy rain this week has caused more postponements. After escaping the worst of the long freeze, Liverpool have fallen victim of the rains. Their match at Coventry City was called off yesterday afternoon, as was the game between Newcastle United and Middlesbrough.

l in a thousand will not contract at Newcastle Bristol C 0 iog up together last season. It was a poor game, given spurious excitement by Sunderland's des-

the season. The appointment came after a meeting between Dinnis (the chief coach) and the Newcastle board on Thursday night. Russell Cushing, the Newcastle secretary, said: "A further contract gives Mr Dinnis assurances about his future with which he is completely satisfied. The directors have demonstrated their faith in Mr Dinnis and hope the players and supporters will give him the support he deserves." The reference in the statement to assurthe season. The annointment can Bristol contributed little in the way of attack until early in the second half when Ritchie headed past the post from a beautiful centre from Whitehead. For the remainder of the game, however, Bristol's attempts to score were frustrated by an efficient, if exceedingly boring, offside trap played by the Sunderland defence. So emphatic was Sunderland's preservation with offside that at one

season.

Newcastle's former manager,
Gordon Lee, has made his first
signing since joining Everton.
Stoke's former England full back,
Michael Pejic, has joined them
for £125,000, Pejic, who won four
international caps in 1974, joins
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have left Stoke this season.

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Dinnis given

Richard Dinnis has been appointed acting manager of Newcastle United until the end of support the deserves." The reference in the statement to assurances about his future is understood to mean he will continue as chief coach if he is not retained as manager at the end of the season.

Last night's results

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Bookball: Preview (12.35)
Bobsleigh: World four-man championships (1.0)
Racing: Welverhampton races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Catterick Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15,

Swimming: Amersfoort meeting (3.10) Skiing: World Cup highlights (about 3.30) Wrestling: Dariington promotion

Cricket



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Knott goes down but Patel goes out after a smart piece of stumping by England's wicket-keeper off Greig's bowling on the first day of the final Test.

England's attack looks threadbare

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Bombay, Feb 11

This was more like it. On a cloudless day and a good pirch and a fast outfield more strokes were played by the Indian batsmer when the fifth Test match started than in the rest of the series put together. By close of play India were 261 for four, Gavaskar having made a painstaking 103 not out, Amarnath a wristy 40 and Patel a brilliant 83.

selves cast as David against Goliath when they take on the holders. Gosforth, in the north-east and no doubt will be content to savour the experience and to settle for a creditable score. Waterloo, who are enjoying a fine season, should be good for a home win over Middlesbrough at Blundellsands, but Fylde certainly will not be underestimating the threat from the Godon League, of Gloucester, a side with hard forwards, experienced backs and a solid-record of achievement against good opposition in the south-west.

London Scottish and Coventry, who contested the knockout final three seasons ago but departed from the present competition at an earlier stage, meet in London today, and Headingley, who were Patel a brilliant 83.

There being no certainty how long the pitch will last, it was a priceless toss for Bedi to win, and, except when Amarnath and Viswanath were out in quick succession in mid-afternoon, India always looked like taking advantage of it. Without Old, who failed a fitness test, and with Greig out of form, Selvey out of his element, Lever out of sorts and Willis unable to get any bounce out of the pitch, England's attack looked decidedly threadbare. The best of their bowlers was Underwood, although Lever did pick up two of the first three wickets before the effects of a bad night caught up with him.

Terry Claxton, a Harlequins support of his team captain, prop forward, has had his suspension until the end of the season reduced by the Rugby Football Union. Bob Weighill, the secretary of the RFU, said yesterday, "I am delighted that his suspension has the RFU, said yesterday, been reduced. At least we now have him for the last month of the season, when we have one or two crucial club games, including semence was reduced until April 1." The best part of England's cricket was their fielding, on turf that is marvellously smooth firm, considering how young it is.

Any number of runs were saved by sheer effort. There was no holding Patel, though—the most hirsute of the Indian side. I remember him first, making 93 for South Zone on the last MCC tour here in the style of the younger. South Zone on the last MCC tour here in the style of the younger Pataudi. Since then he has played occasionally a Test innings of rare sparkle, such as this one. When batting well he is eager enough for the fray not to be bothered with drinks when they come out; instead he paces up and down the pitch, straining at the leash.

For the fourth wicket Patal and

night caught up with him.

For the fourth wicket Patel and Savaskar had added 139 in 135 minutes, and committed England to a difficult few days, when Patel was out in the closing over. The ball, stunned into the ground, spun back towards Knott, with Patel out of his crease; by the time Patel got back Knott had swept up the balls.

When Olds back played up at the balls.

the nets this morning the five tour selectors (Barrington, Greig, Brearley Knott and Fletcher) met on the outfield to decide who should play instead of him.

Miller also being unfit, they had to choose from Selvey. Woolmer and Cope. Although I thought on Thursday that it would be Woolmer, they went for Selvey, because of his capacity for work. In theory Woolmer would have strengthened the batting, but been of less help than Selvey to the attack. However one looked at it, the loss of Old was a blow to England.

The match began with the teams and the crowd observing a

and the crowd observing a minute's silence out of respect for the President of Iudia who died this morning. A keen sportsman, Mr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was on the golf course with Barrington and Tolchard by seven o'clock in the morning in Dehll, during the Test meth there.

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As the pitch was being revealed, in the opening overs, as of the easiest pace, the ground was barely half full. With a capacity of 45,000, it never held more than 30,000 today. Now that India have made such a capital start there will no doubt be more tomorrow. The batting was soon looking more than the equal of the bowling, and the ball less than the equal of either. The ball had to be changed in the eleventh over.

over.

In the first hour Gavaskar and Gaekwad scored 49 from 12 overs. eight of them from overthrows conceded by Randall when he was quick enough both to make a shy at the stumps justifiable and a failure to back up forgivable. The way Gavaskar was working the hall through the leg side showed that the line of England's bowlers was already not as good as in the earlier Tests. Gavaskar began so well that he looked at one time more likely to reach 50 in 75 minutes than in the three and a quarter hours it took him.

The first of the day's three drink intervals had just passed when Coolwal and the state of the cool of the cool

intervals had just pessed when Gaekwad, forcing Lever off his legs, was comfortably caught at segs, was comfortably caught at short midwicket. Ey lunch India were 83 for one and content with a good start. With the beavers poised to bring out the afternoon drinks, Amarneth, having pulled the previous ball for four, was bowled playing back to one well up to him from Underwood. Arrarrath's area a peak lively inviter. nath's was a perky little innings, watched from the press box by an anxious father. In the next over Viswanath, playing too early at a slower ball from Lever, was caught and bowled.

in spite of this double loss,

Buchanan seeks

comeback offer

Ken Buchanan, a former world lightweight champion and out of

the best British boxers of the

attractive

India scored 100 runs between luncheon and tea—only the second time this has been done in the series. The last 51 of them came in eight overs off Selvey and Greig. For several weeks Selvey has been bowling nothing like as well as he did before the new year. It might be that he needs more bowling than he has had to become fully run in. With Greig at his worst with his off-breaks Patel scored 10 fours in his 50, mostly with flashing strokes square mostly with flashing strokes square of the wicket, both to leg and off. These were 50 vital minutes after Viswanath was out. Another wicket then for England would have put them very much on top. Instead, they lost control. The most runs scored in a day's play until now was England's 239 for six on the first day of the series, when Amiss filled Gavaskar's role and Knott Patel's. This was passed this evening with half an hour to go and England on the run. Gavaskar's tenth Test hundred, his second against England and only his second in India, came out of 256. He looked as good a player today as at Baugalore in India's first innings he had looked a case for a psychiatrist's couch. By now he and Patel were having as much fun as in the early Tests they had discomfort.

It was a joy to see the ball being The most runs scored in a day's

they had discomfort.

It was a joy to see the ball being hit; from the crowd it brought an almost constant roar, from Selvey a loss of confidence, from Underwood the usual reliable response. At more than three and a half runs an over Iudia's scoring rate would have brought them getting on for 400 runs in a usual six-hour on for 400 runs in a usual six-hour day, at an over rate of even 17 to the hour. Sunday, the day of the President's funeral, will now be the rest day, rather than Monday.

Total (4 wkts) ... Yajuvondra Singh, S. M. H. Kirmani, K. Chavri, E. A. S. Pra-sanna, E. S. Bedi, B. S. Chandran sekhar to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1—52, 2—115, 3—122, 4—261. 3—122, 3—261.

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-32—0; Serer, 17—14—41—2; Servey, 15—1—80—0; Underwood, 22—8—51—1; Greig, 6.5—0—32—1.

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'Impires: B. Salyaji Rao and H. P. Sharma.

Boxing

The wisdom of Solomons may not help Sollas

Vernon Sollas, of Edinburgh, will defend his British featherweight boxing title against the Yorkshireman Alan Richardson, at Leeds on March 15, the promoter, Tack Solomons, announced vesterday. This could be bad news for Sollas because it could cut across his plan to meet Eddie Ndukwu. of Nigerla, for the vacant Commonwealth championship in Lagos on February 25.

The British title bout will be the British the bott will be staged at Leeds Town Hall by the World Sporting Club, London, of which Solomous is director and matchmaker, for a total purse slightly more than £3,500. matchmaker, for a total purse slightly more than f3,500.

This announcement came only a couple of hours after Sollas's manager, Bobby Neill, had disclosed that his boxer would be receiving f6.000 for the Commonwealth championship contest. Solomons said yesterday: "That match will have to be held over. "The British championship fight has been out officially to purse offers and I have secured it by making the highest bid. No one may take any fight within 28 days of a British championship or take a fight when he is involved in a purse offer situation."

A British Boxing Board of Control official said: "We cannot consider the matter of the Commonwealth championship until we are officially informed of the date of Mr Solomons's show. So far we only know what we have heard unofficially."

Tennis

Newberry and Miss J. Russell, 6—0, 6—3.

MEXICO CITY: W.C.T. tournament:
I. Masicso beat C. Drysdale, 6—1, 6—1; R. Chavez and E. Montano beat V. Crantes and J. Knden, 7—5, 5—1, 14mas and an article of the state of

lightweight champion and one of the best British boxers of the past decade, is ready to make a comeback. Buchanan, who admits he may have retired a little too soon, is 31 and has been out of boxing for 18 months. He said last night that he would fancy meeting the new European lightwelterweight champion, Dave Green, for a start. "But someone would have to make me an offer. It would have to be lucrative, coming back for just one or two fights", he said.

Buchanan, now an Edinburgh hotel proprietor, said: "I would like to meet Green. It would be a nice straightforward fight and it would be an attraction. The frouble when I was around was that there were no natural opponents, and I had to travel abroad to make any money."

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Travelling abroad included going to Puerto Rico to win the world lightweight title in 1970; travelling to Los Angeles and New York to defend his title in 1971 and finally returning to New York to lose it. In 1975, he tried, unsuccessfully, to win it back, in Tokyo.

Mexico City, Feb 11.—Maurice Hope, of Britain, will challenge for the world light-middleweight title on March 11 in West Berlin. The World Boxing Council announced here today the finalization of the comest between Eckhard Dagge, the world champion, from West Germany and Hope, who holds the European title—Agence France-Presse.

Golf

Massengale takes four strokes lead

Paim Springs, California, Fch 11.—The magic touch of Rik Massengale stayed with him for Massengale stayed with him for the second day when he went into a four stroke lead in the Bob Hope tournament yesterday. Massengale, who scored an eight under par 64 on the opening day, had a 65 in yesterday's second round. His closest rival was another American, Bruce Lietzke, who was on 134 after his second 67. Britain's Peter Opsierhuis had a 70 for a total of 142.

Minima Feter observable and a 2.70 for a total of 142.

Minssengule's 35-hole total of 130, 14 strokes under par, is by far the best two-round total of the season and is two strokes lower than the best of 1976. But even this achievement was not enough to shake off Lietzke, a 25-year-old Texan. Lietzke now has played par or better for all of his 18 rounds this season and of his 18 rounds this season and has a string of 23 consecutive rounds—going back to last year—at par or better.

Wally Armstrong had a 67 and was third at 126. A former winner.

was third at 126. A former winner, Hubert Green, had a 68 and was tied at 137 with Alau Tapie, who had a 70. Arnold Palmer, who has won this event five times, improved to a 68 and was at 141 proved to a 68 and was at 141
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Rugby League: Warrlagton v St.
Helens (3.30, 3.50)
Football: Match of the Day (10.10)

Rugby Union: Gala v Watsonians IBA-tomorrow Footboll: Big Mutch (2.10)

Athletics

Capes may benefit from sneak preview

By Cliff Temple Athletics Correspondent

Only a small handful of the British athletes competing in today's indoor international match against Spain in San Sebastian can expect to return to the newly completed arena for the European indoor championships on March 12 and 13. Traditionally we send 🛌 only a small team of potential finalists, and nothing that has happened this indoor season is likely to alter the selectors' nor-

mal policy. those enjoying a sneak preview of the track on which they tope to win medals next month, Geoffrey Capes and Mary Stewart seem the most likely to be able to return in an optimistic frame of mind. Capes will not have forgother than the property of the cape o

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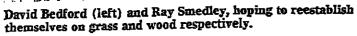
As was reported here yesterday world Champiorship Tounls are sing Bjorn Borg, the International Management Group, Colgate's and Bancrofts. WCT allege "breach of contract, mistropresentation, and contract interference". Somewhere between the chetation and publication of this news item, £3m was mislaid. The turn intelved should have read £5.350,000.

Borg is second to Connors in the latest ranking list issued by the Association of Tennis Profes-sionals. The rest of the top 10, in

stomas. The rest of the top 10, in order, are Nastase, Vilas, Orantes. Ramirez, Panatia, Dibbs, Truner and Solomon. The most prominent British players are Cox, seventeenth, biottram, fifty-first, John Lloyd, sixty second, Taylor, eignty-fifth and Lewis, eighty-eighth. The most highly ranked Coubies players are, Ramirez, Gottfried, Hewitt and McMillan.

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Angus seeks amateur title

Ey Our Rackets Correspondent
Howard Angus, in preparation for his challenge for the world rackets title, is attempting to recapture the amateur championship which began at Queen's Club yesterday. Last year Angus, not at his fittest, lost to John Prenn, who, in turn, was beaten by William Boone in the final. Boone defends his title.

This event will be the last Angus plays before meeting the holder, William Surtees, a Briton based in the United States, for the world title. The first leg will be played in Chicago on March 5, the second at Queen's Club the following Saturday, March 12. Both men will also compete in the Louis Roederer open competition.

Boone has the harder half of the draw in the amateur championship with Thomas Pugh as his likely second-round opponent and Prenn as his probable semi-final rival. Angus, in the other half, has Charles Hue Williams and Andrew Milne as his principal rivals.

Hongkong event

Hongkong, Feb 11.—The Hongkong table tennis association will
stage an international tournament
after the world championships in
Birmingham, from March 26 to
April 5. China, Japan, Britain,
Sweden, Yugoslavia, France and
one other country will be invited.

Archery

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Denardi just 11 points ahead of Japanese

Canberra. Feb 11.—Italy's Leandro Denardi kept in front on the third day of the world archery chrapionships here today, but bad his lead cut to 11 points. Denardi scored 301 on the 90 metres range to set a championship record for the double 60 metres, surpassing the previous record by 12 points. The 28-year-old Italian's overall total is 1.342 points. 11 points. Denardi scored 301 on the 90 metres range to set a championship record for the double 90 metres, but Izrer had a disappointing 295 over 70 metres. The 28-year-old Italian's overall total is 1.342 points. Takasti Kamei, of Japan, is second on 1,831 and Richard McKinney, of the United States, third on 1,829.

The defending world champion and Olympic gold medal winner, Darrell Pace, of United States, shot the best score for 70 metres, 315, which lifted him to sixth

316, which lifted him to sixth place, 27 points behind the leader. In the women's competition, the

In the women's competition, the Olympic champion, Luann Ryon, of United States, increased her lead to 41 points over Poland's Jadwiga Wilajto. Miss Ryon scored 315 over 0 metres to bring her total to 1,863, and she was one of three competitors to break championship records today. Miss



Mountjoy takes two frames to level scores

Snooker

Douglas Mountjoy, an outsider, surprised Ray Reardon, the world champion and holder, by winning the last two frames to draw level at three-all at the halfway stage in the all-Weish final of the masters snooker tournament, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, at the New London Theatre, yesterday.

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Reardon won the first two frames, having a break of 51 in the second. Although he compiled an early run of 54 in the third to lead by 47 points, Mountjoy fought back brilliantly and cleared the table with a break of 49 to win the frame at 74—60.

win the frame at 74—60.

With the scores at 49-all in the fourth frame and only two colours left, Mountjoy snookered himself and although he recovered well he left the pink on. Reardon won the frame at 62—49 but Mountjoy ran away with the next two, making a break of 78 in the sixth. Reardon scored only six points in the fifth.

SCORES (Reardon first): 74—57, 77—21, 60—74, 62—49, 6—29, 65—91.

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Ice skating

S Africa not to send team to world event

Durban, Feb 10.-South Africa Purban, Feb 10.—South Africa will not send any competitors to the world figure skating championships in Tokyo next month, Mrs Pat Jackson, president of the South African Ice Skating Association, eaid here today. "We feel at the present moment that our senior skaters are not up to standard", Mrs Jackson sald.

South Africa are still members South Africa are son memors of the International Skating Union despite opposition from several members. The Soviet Union and some other East European nations withdrew from the world junior championships in Magere because of South Africa's national state of South A

participation.

Some officials of the International Skaring Union were anxious to entice South African staters to Tokyo and thereby offer a counter-challenge to the Soviet Union, who will be defending two titles, the pairs and the dance.—Agencies.

Skiing

Suits slowed down racers

Ottawa, Feb 11.—The Canadian stiling fram, back here after a disappointing season in Europe, have discovered that their competition suits slowed their racers. Andre Kozbial, the Canadian Stil Association Alpine director, said tests showed the outfits slowed stiers by as much as three seconds more than suits used by other nations.

Mr Kozbial said the Canadian cuits—made of special form-fitting

Mr Kozbial said the Canadian suits—made of special form-fitting rubberized nylon—provided 15 per cent more wind-drag. The drag was created by wind passing through the front of the suit and balloowing in the back

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New restrictions

Boxing The Jockey Club are following the example recently set by cricket's overlords by bringing in new restrictions on advertising in the parade ring. From March 24, no quarter sheet or rug used on a horse in the ring may bear the owner's or trainer's initials in letters larger than 4! to or a company motif larger than 8in square.

Racing

Gandolfo fined for use of steroids

The Jockey Club stewards, holding their first inquiry into the use of anabolic steroids in racehorses, cracked down hard in London yes terday on two young trainers, David Morley and David Gandoffo, fining them £1,500 and £500 res-pectively. The stewards took the pectively. The stewards took the unprecedented step of banning the four horses involved until the end of the season. Morley's head lad, John Wilsoncroft, was fined £100. The stewards were in session for seven hours at Turf headquar-ters to hear the cases separately. Mr Morley, who trains at Bury St Edmunds, was the first to appear. Both trainers were legally represented by a barrister, Edward

Cazalet.

The inquiries followed a big breakthrough by Newmarket forensic scientists last year when their research finally produced the answer to detecting the presence in horses of steroids—the muscle building drugs. Tests on three Morley-trained novice hurdle winners—Scort (Nottingham, November 23), Roundtown (Southwell, December 15) and Sar of the Arctir (Towcester, December 22) all proved steroid positives. The substance found in their urine was oestrane, the active agent of the mandrolone series of anabolic steroids.

After hearing expert evidence—the witnesses included both trainers and veterinary surgeons—the stewards found that the horses had received a non-normal substance that could affect their race—

Gandolfo was fined £250 for each race.

The result brought an angry statement from Mr Gandolfo who said: "I am very disappointed that, having relied on my reterinary surgeon who has acted in accordance with all current professional practice on all the information available and whose evidence was not challenged, that the stewards should see fit to impose more than the minimum fine. There was absolutely nothing more that I could do to avoid a breach of the Rules of Racing. I can see no reason or justification for the disqualification of my horse for the rest of this season."

The breakthrough in steroid

routine analysis following a subsequent race.

"The stewards therefore reiterate the previous advice to trainers
that while most drugs will be excreted within eight days there are
always likely to be exceptions to
this generalization. No 'safe
period' can therefore be recognuzed by the stewards, and due
to the many variable factors it is
impossible to lay down with certainty an excretion period.
Trainers using a so-called 'safe
period' do so at their own risk
and we will penalize severely those
responsible for any breach of the
Rules of Racing."

his sights

By Jim Snow

The last but one of the series of qualifying races for the £5,000 Panama Cigar Hurdle, to be run at Chepstow on March 12, is one of five sponsored events today at Wolverhampton and Catterick Bridge. No inspections have been planned for these two meetings and only heavy overnight rain would put them in jeopardy.

For the Panama Cigar Hurdle qualifier at Wolverhampton, my choice goes to Mr Fordette, winner of a good-class novice event last week at Sandown Park by 10 lengths for Guy Harwood's stable. Stan Mellor's consistent Hipparion looks the chief danger. In the Mitchells and Butlers

Grand National Trial of three and a half miles, gives Irish Tony a

Morley and All roads of form lead to Artific

Newbury programme [Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.40 races]

trainers and veterinary surgeons—
the stewards found that the horses had received a non-normal substance that could affect their racecourse performances. They were satisfied that the drugs had been administered by Mr Morley's head lad on the instructions of his trainer. For each offence. Mr Morley was fined £500 a horse for breaking two doping rules. All three horses were disqualified from the races they won.

Afterwards Mr Morley. 37. looking visibly white-faced and shaken, commented "I caunot say anything—there's just nothing to add. This is my fourth season training and, the first time I have appeared before the Jockey Club stewards. Hopefully it will be the last ".

Air Gandolfo, 33, trains at Wantage and has held a licence since 1950. His gelding, The Clerk, who has been under medication for four years with a liver complaint, produced positive dope tests for steroids, both after winning a steeplechase at Towcester, November 25, and finishing second at Leicester on December 8. Mr Gandolfo was fined £250 for each race.

The result brought an angry 2.0 NEW BURN SPRING SIEPPLECHARD (Limited Landscapt C2.526: 2m 160yd)

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The breakthrough in steroid detection was finally affected at Newmarket after years of research, thanks to a rare breed of sheep called Soay, a semi-wild variety usually found on the Atlantic island of St Kilda. The stewards had to find an autibody in sufficient quantity and rabbits had proved unsatisfactory. "Out of the blue" the Soay sheep were tried and produced the required

the blue" the Soay sheep were tried and produced the required antibody in considerable and reliable quantities.

The Jockey Club clearly intend to continue a relentless clampdown on the improper use of drugs, particularly anabolic steroids. Following yesterday's inquiries, the stewards warned: "Anabolic steroids come into the category of 'a substance other than a normal nutrient' which could affect the racing performance of a horse. Like a number of other drugs used quite properly under veterinary advice for therapeutic performances, there is a danger that traces of the substance may be found in routine analysis following a subsequent race.

"The stewards therefore reits."

Irish Tony has set on Aintree By Jim Snow

In the H. Genry Hurdle, the most open race on the Wolver-bampton programme. Peter Scet and Pelham Wood may be near each other in the closing stages. Peter Scot has most appeal, for he fought back when passed by Fighting Kate at the last flight in the Coral Golden Hurdle at Wincanton on December 27 to spatch the Coral Golden Hurdle at Win-canton on December 27 to snatch a head victory in the last few strides. Peter Scot carries 11st 41b. the same as at Wincanton; previously he won by eight lengths over three miles at Leicester. Catterick's chief race, the £2,000 Grand National Trick of three and

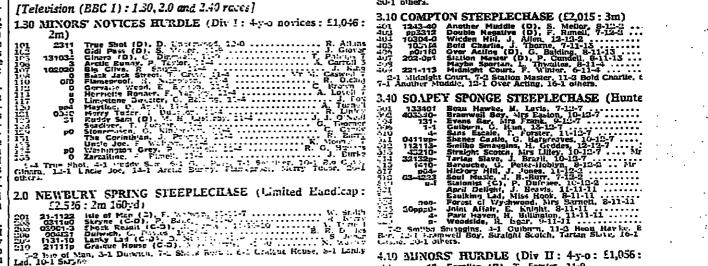
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and, in his first outing over hurdles for mine months, he looked dangerous in Sea Pigeon's race at Haydock Park until lack of condition found him out after the selection.

Second last Tommy Stack rides

By Michael Seely
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By Our Racing Staff 1.30 Arctic Actor. 2.0 Guiding Star. 2.30 Peter Scot, 3.0 Mr Fordette. 3.30 Game Gentleman. 4.0 Air General. 4.30 Mr Fixit. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.0 Florida King,

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7-1 Old Vince, 3-1 Crofton Hall, 5-1 L'Algion, 10-1 Re-Golden Express, 14-1 Stranky Guide and Day To Day, 16-

5-3 Pat Hand, 5-1 Hornel, 5-1 Miss Quilp, 8-1 Prince Caravan, 12-1 Off The Track, 14-1 others.

2.15 BURMAH OIL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,266

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3 127410 Annas Prisce (D), M. H. Easlerby, 6-12-0

4 102-010 Abide With Me (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-1

6 11222-1 Lochranza (C-D), E. Carr. 6-11-0

7 23-2-37 Litigant (D), Lady Herviez, 5-11-1

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11 131-000 Sounds Good D), Denys Smith, 5-10-1

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10 1-300 Kronge (C), Angulation (S-10-0)

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12 13-13-13 Kronge (C), Angulation (S-10-0)

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By Our Racine Staff
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By Our Newmarket Correspondent
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BUSINESS NEWS

to raise the threshold for higher rate

personal income tax from £5,000 to £8,000,

reduce the basic rate of tax from 35 to

33 per cent and increase child allowances

by 50 per cent above the levels at present

These are among the key Budget recom-

mendations which will be put to Mr Realey

before the end of the month by the Con-federation of British Industry. The cost

is put at around £2,000m.

The confederation, which will ask its grand council to ratify the proposals on Wednesday, has drawn up a list of modi-

fications to personal tax which would cost the Exchequer £1,900m in 1977-78. Also,

it wants provision for tax relief for losses on companies' foreign currency borrowings which would cost about £100m.

One controversial suggestion being dis-

cussed by industrial leaders is that if the

tax reductions cannot be fully set off by

any other means the Government should consider selling more of its shares in British Petroleum to make up the

proposed for the coming year.

Call to lower basic income tax and raise threshold for higher rate

CBI seeks Budget cuts of £2,000m

tion in personal income tax as its top priority. Company tax changes are regarded as urgent but perhaps too costly

for this Budget.

Mr Healey will be asked to concentrate

Mr Healey will be asked to concentrate particularly on two groups—management and those caught in the so-called "poverty trap", in which a low paid man loses means-tested benefits as he earns more.

CBI leaders have been compiling lists of top executives who are refusing to return from abroad because of financial loss.

They will tell Mr Healey that two

reforms are essential.

First, a raising of thresholds and widening of the bands for all higher rates of income tax; this would include raising the threshold for higher rate tax from £5,000

to £8,000 and the threshold for the top rate

Secondly, to give further relief to higher earners there should be a reduction in the

top rate of tax on earned income from 83 per cent to 75 per cent.

To provide help for those at the lower end of the scale the employers also want the Exchequer to forgo about £450m to allow for improved child allowances. Tax

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Mr Tikkoo

storm over

Mr Ravi Tikkoo, the multimilionaire shipowner, was accused yesterday of paying the Filipino crew of one of his tankers substantially less than internationally recommended rates of pay.

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Mr Jim Wood, Middles-

Mr Jim Wood, Middlesbrough branch secretary of the National Union of Seamen, claimed that 38 Filipino crew members serving on board the 55,800 tons deadweight Globtik Venus were being paid only half the \$507 a month rate recommended by the International Transport Workers Federation.

The vessel, built 14 years ago and renamed four times, is under charter to the French oil

under charter to the French oil company, Elf, carrying Nor-wegian oil to Britain for on-ward transhipment to Europe.

Under the charter terms it is

flying the Bahaman flag. Mr Tikkoo, whose British-

based company, Globrik Tankers, is valued at £150m,

and who created a stir last week

by signing a letter of intent with an American shippard to

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Transport and General Castle Bromwich body shells to several Midlands car assembly plants. Arready Jaguar production at Coventry

has been halted with 1,300 lay-offs, Mini production at Longbridge, Birmingham, is stopped, with 2,000 idle, and Rover 3500 output at Solibull is halted with 750 laid off. Castle Bromwich also supplies

some pressings to the Cowley complex at Oxford, and yesterday Maxi production was halted. ist night the Princess lines also stopped. Cowley had fresh trouble of its own when 140 maintenance engineers walked out over plans

for new working arrangements and this also brought Marina assembly to a standstill. By last night 2,000 Cowley workers had been laid off, and a management spokesman fore-cast that after the weekend this figure would rise "substanti-

Leyland's Triumph factory at Coventry has been at a stand-still for two weeks because of a stoppage by 350 paint shop workers who are protesting about the menagement's use of industrial engineers on work study exercises. In all, 3,300 other workers at the plant are

Finally, at Leyland's central spares department at Oxford 650 workers are idle because of

Investors rush for FFI's 14 pc loan stock

By John Whitmore Financial Correspondent In strong contrast to its £75m stock offer two years ago, Finance For Industry's £50m ssue of 14 per cent unsecured loan stock this week has proved an enormous draw among investors. When application list closed yesterday, the issue was some 30 times oversubscribed.

Even when first announced on Monday, the terms of the is:ue, offering a return almost two points above a comparable government stock, were widely considered to be overgenerous. Since then, the move in market rates has left the stock looking still more attractive.

In addition, the stock is only £10 per cent payable in the first instance, with the calls for the remaining £89} not falling for a number of weeks. Should, therefore, the stock move to a useful premium in first deal-ings on Monday, the gearing inherent in the £10 call would give the short-term investor a relatively large gain for a relatively small outlay.

That opportunity is, however, being denied the smaller investor. Applications for up to £1,500 nominal of stock have been rejected. Applications for £1,600 up to £5,000 have been allotted £100 of stock, while applications over £5,000 receive 2.99 per cent of their applica-

FFI's last major issue in early 1975 was only just over-subscribed, and even that was generally thought to have been achieved only after consider-able pressure from the authori-

experts calculate this would allow a 50 per cent increase in child allowances. The CBI also rates a significant reduc-Norwegian shipyards to get £136m state aid

Norway will support its ship-building industry with 1,250m kroner (about £136m). Norwe-gian shipyards are facing a very difficult situation through lack of orders. The industry directly employs about 34,000 workers but a much larger number of subcontractors are

The state aid will be channelled to the industry by way of loans or guarantees, and not as a direct subsidy. This is the largest single operation so far in order to keep employment in industry at a high level, but other industries like pulp and paper and smelting have got assistance from the Government in order to keep their workers employed.

A special Guarantee Institute for the shipping industry was organized last year with a capital ceiling of 4,000m kroner (£540m). The capital now earmarked

for shipbuilding will be spread over a number of years and used partly to maintain jobs,

over to other industrial activities, as shipbuilding is curtailed.

A new feature for Norwe-gian shippards is a government grant to developing countries which order ships in Norway. This grant is up to 25 per cent of the cost of a ship. Twenty-seven such projects for 19 dif-ferent developing countries are now under consideration, and the total value of these

But it is still an open question which or how many of these orders will materialize. Several contracts of this kind are, however, already con-cluded and employment ensured for yards. Further aid to shipyards will come in the form of orders for

a series of seven new ships for the coastguard, to be organized to look after the 200-mile fish-ing zone. Until the new ships are commissioned, other vessels have been chartered by the Government and given special equipment and armed for fisheries protection duties.

Lockheed's chairman is to resign

By Arthur Reed Mr Robert Haack, the New York banker who took over the chairmanship of Lockheed from Mr Dan Haughton at the height of the "bribes" scandal a year ago, will himself be succeeded in two to three months.

Announcing this yesterday in London, where he is on a visit to see British aerospace leaders Mr Haack indicated that with the worst of its financial problems solved, Lockheed now needed a different chairman "with 'qualities which I do not possess".

The search for his successor was being conducted inside and

outside the company.

Mr Haack said that Lockheed had had orders worth
\$3,000m (about £1,800m) during the past 12 months—the highest in its history. It had paid off \$95m of the guaranteed portion of its loan, leaving \$100m. The total debt was \$680m and the equity \$170m. Two years ago the figures were \$950m and \$27m respectively.

Referring to the bribes affair,
Mr Haack said Lockheed was

of policy "which is as stringent as anything I know". As an example of the policy, Mr Haack told of a contract with an unnamed country worth \$19m which the customer would not sign unless he was pre-sented with a Mercedes car. "We did not sign that con-tract", Mr Haack said.

The Kashmir-born shipowner, who spoke shortly after his company's solicitors had stated that Globtik had no comment to make, claimed that Mr Wood was not an NUS official. The company, he said, en-joyed good relations with the seamen's union. Mr Tikkoo stressed that the company had living with its new statement

> cations from the ITF and accused Mr Wood of "putting a pistol" at the heads of one or two of his executives by producing a 28 page ITF agreefor signature ment payment.
> The NUS headquarters in London confirmed, however, that Mr Wood was the union's

received no written communi-

branch secretary on Teesside.
The ITF said Mr Wood was a
recognized inspector for the
federation.
Mr Wood said their grievance was that the Globtik Venus was

being operated under a flag of convenience. "It is our policy to see that the wages and conditions which

apply on the ship are brought up to standard", he added. Mr Wood returned to Teesside and enlisted the support of other affiliated unions to prevent the ship's departure. But early on Tuesday, the Globtik Venus slipped her moorings and, without the aid of tugs, beaded for Le Havre

ilid accepts £24.6m Dutch bid void retrenchment abroad

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dysts had expected take profits of bemd £7m for 1976. Gillum, a director of also a director of nt bank advisers, ntagu, said: "Borl grown to an un-bigh level due to of adequate profithe explanation for profits is a f1m

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sidiary because of stock prob-lems. "With hindsight the first-half profit must have been overstated", Mr Gillum said.
A joint statement by the Dutch company and Ozalid said: "Were Ozalid to remain

independent, there would, in the board's view, be some period of uncertainty, stemming from necessary reorganization of management and the need to implement the restructuring of the group's operations."

This would have meant a estimated profit offer becoming unconditional. a further five years. only £3.1m after There is no question of compensation as his term of employment ends this summer.

Mr J. J. Kaptein, president
of the Dutch group, will become
chairman of Ozalid, and Mr
J. V. H. Pennings, a director

of the Dutch company, will become deputy chairman and
managing director. Mr A. J.
Barrett and Mr J. M. Jackson
will join the board of Ozalid.
Mr Kaptein said: "We expert a gradual responsion of

pect a gradual restoration of Ozalid's profits by putting in management and from the complementary nature of our comvolving 50p nominal of 9 per cent sterling/guilder loan stock, 1987/92, which will be convert ible during the whole of its life and 421p in cash, valuing the shares, with the stock at par, at 92½p.

Ozalid shares yesterday fell 15p to 86p, since the stock market found difficulty in assess-ing the stock until the exact conversion terms are known. The dollar premium will be

payable on conversion.
Mr Barrett and Sir Cyril savage retrenchment overseas. Pitts, another Ozalid director, which in 1975 accounted for 56 who are connected with ICI, per cent of profits. As it is, did not take part in discussion Mr J. N. Kiely, the present on terms. ICI has agreed to chairman and managing direction to supply polyester tor of Ozalid, will resign on the film to the combined group for

Ozalid dominates the Diazo copying materials business essential to the kind of "blueprints" used in the construction industry which was referred to the Monopolies Commission in 1974. That report has now been prepared and there are unlikely to be monopoly problems in putting through the merger.

If the deal goes through, the Dutch group, which is about twice as large as Ozalid and has a relatively ungeared bal-ance sheet, will have a one-for-five rights issue to finance the cash part of the deal of £11.3m.

Drop in MLR averted as formula stays suspended

f State for Prices ner Protection, Mr ery Traders Associa-warning that the overnment inquiry prices may deter in proceeding with stment plans, valued

rear of bottling machinand other equip-be directly affected rack, Mr Crisp said sociation's members "seriously jeoparany action likely to lay the huge investramme under way. urage, Scottish & wage, Scottish and Whitbread are : leading brewers tiv announced new

Although the volume of appli-Although the volume of appear consistent with MLK continues at yesterday's tender showed a further sharp fell, this showed a further sharp fell, this How long the Bank wishes to week's offer of was still heavily oversubscribed — applications totalled £1,093m—and the average rate at which bills were allotted dropped marginally from 11.2286 per cent to 11.1696

Under the usual MLR for-The normal formula for establishing the Bank of England's minimum lending rate remained in suspension yesterremained in suspension yesterday. This followed applications for Treasury bills at the weekly tender at rates that would otherwise have forced MLR below the 12 per cent level at which the Bank wishes to hold it for the present.

Although Tom 12 to 11 per cent. But the Bank, which has been trying to prevent short-term interest rates felling to fast, had already indicated ahead of the previous week's tender that, at least for the present, the formula would cease to apply so long as the rate and the previous week's tender that, at least for the present. below a level that would be

> hold MLR at 12 per cent remains to be seen. The general assumption has been that it is keen to see interest rates hold reasonably steady during negotiations over the next phase of pay policy.

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	7p to 207p	Sandeman G	3p to 37p	Canada S	1.80	1.75
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wages doubt By David Mott A week filled with concern over union opposition to fur-ther wage restraint ended with big losses for both equities and gilts on the London stock mar-

kets yesterday.

Though a little firmer by the end of the day, the FT 30-share index was still 8.2 lower at 381.5, its worst performance for a formight and a loss of more than 22 points over the week

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Dealers said that after their recent strong gains, equities had been showing signs of strain in the face of inflation worries They look to Monday's trade figures to restore some of the balance, and a majority still feel the market is basically firm. There is, however, a minority which expects a period of un-certainty until the next round of the pay policy is settled and this, they point out, is not likely to happen until the Budget tax proposals are known Gilts were additionally unsettled by an unchanged MLR in the face of Treasury Bill-rates indicating a reduction. Investor's Week, page 19

Societies treble net receipts to £89m in January

By Margaret Stone Investment confidence in building societies is returning. Net receipts for January, published vesterday by the Building Societies Association, show an inflow of £89m into the move-ment compared with £27m in December and £23m in November.

The widely expected improvement not merely reflects the heavy reinvestment of in-terest which always characterizes January receipts, but points to the return of investors who switched to banks and local authorities at the end of last

While the improvement is encouraging it is not of sufficient scale or duration to make an immediate easing of building society rates possible. The societies need at least two months of net receipts in the region of £250m a month before cutting the investment and bence mortgage rates.

Equities fall | Retail sales in US decline by 2pc recerat Keserve New York analysts, are re-newed fears of higher inflation,

Washington, Feb 11

Wholesale prices in United States rose by 0.5 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month, after a 0.6 per cent gain in December, while retail sales in January declined by 2 per cent on an adjusted basis to \$56,600m (£33,300m).

Today's news gave rise to further concern on United States share markets, where the Dow Jones industrial average. has declined by roughly 7 per cent since the start of the year.

Rolls RB211

Soviet airbus

may power new

Moscow, Feb 11.—The Soviet Union roday suggested to Sir Kenneth Keith, Rolls-

Royce chairman, that the RE211 engine could power a long-range version of Russia's

new airliner, Ilyushin-86 aero

bus.

Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Premier, raised the issue during a 90-minute meeting in the

Kremlin, Sir Kenneth said afterwards.

The prospect of Sovier purchases was very tentative and both sides would examine the feasibility before holding further discussions.

Sir Kenneth, who is in Moscow to complete financing arrangements for a f100m con-

arrangements for a £100m con-

tract to supply jet engines to pump natural gas, said the Soviet Union was interested in

promoting a very substantial increase in Auglo-Soviet trade.

Calls for a nationwide strike

by steelworkers have been made by some 130 employees at the British Steel Coronarion's

British Steel Corporation's Greenwich London works. They face redundancies later this

year when the works closes

The men accuse the corporation of "reneging" on promises.

Employment in the hard-pressed cotton and allied tex-

rile industry appeared to have stabilized according to Textile Statistics Bureau figures published yesterday. The total labour force of 77,840 was only about 200 fewer than at the and of December 1975

£764m farming exports

British manufacturers of farm machinery and tractors

exported equipment worth a record £764.5m last year, a 23 per cent increase on 1975.

Share prices tumbled again on Wall Street yesterday. The Dow

Jones industrial average closed 6.40 points lower at 931.52.

Stable textiles force

end of December, 1975.

Wall St down again

down.

Greenwich call for national steel strike

Chief reasons for the mar-

the unusually cold weather bere, and fears of rising interest rates. Citibank in New announced today that it is holding its prime lending rate at 6}; per cent. Many bankers take the view that this will be the lowest prime rate level seen this year and that increasing

ease its monetary policies, will lead to higher rates. Fears over inflation centre on

the recent sharp increases in energy costs resulting from the extremely heavy energy demand produced by the cold weather. Wholesale prices are now rising faster than they did in most of 1976, and the index now stands at 138 (1987 = 100). This is 4.9 per cent above the level in January, 1976.

Most economists are looking to strong retail sales to spark private and government borrow- the expected substantial up-ing, coupled with a refusal by swing in the economy this year,

to introduce measures on this and other corporate tax matters as soon as possible.

Proposals will also be put forward to ease the burden of the investment income surcharge and to increase all personal allowances—other than those for children

allowances—other than those for children
—by 10 per cent.

It is estimated that the latter provision, together with a reduction in the basic rate of tax from 35 to 33 per cent, would go a long way towards making up for the effects of inflation over the past year.

The employers realize that there are limits to how much the Exchequer can hear this year.

This time only two specific requests will be put to Mr Healey: the provisions for foreign currency borrowing losses and a clear statement from the Chancellor

about what he intends to do on stock

relief. The CBI wants an assurance that

there will be no claw back when the volume of stocks is reduced.

One longer term project which the CBI team may suggest to the Chancellor is a

Royal Commission on the tax system, but

meanwhile they want him to order studies in Whitehall of such matters as additional relief for small businesses from capital

The Government would then be expected

bear this year.

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speculation that the expected upswing in the economy's health has been jeopardized by

build three nuclear-powered oil tankers, spoke last night from his London home about the ITF allegations. He said: "We do not recognize the ITF jurisdiction on the Globtik Venus. The company is paying the Filipino crew in accordance with a special agreement under which they are entitled to many fringe benefits—which include free flights to Europe, which are very costly. is being more than generous and the crew are very happy on_board." Mr Haack, Lockheed 'living' with a stringent policy.

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More about the child benefit scheme and deeds of covenant

This week I am answering some of the many letters I have received from readers. A fair number of you wrote after my articles on child benefit and child allowances. In one of the articles I suggested that it would be a good idea to take out a deed of covenant for a gross payment of £350 in favour of children who have reached the age of 18, have no taxable income. are receiving full-time education.

A reader points out that to be effective for tax purposes the covenant would have to be capable of lasting for more than six years, in the latter part of which the child would most likely be earning an in-

He adds: "Further, under the proposed Child Benefit Scheme' income tax child reliefs are to be phased out and the new child benefit will not be payable in respect of children who have reached 19. These two points are surely relevant factors in deciding on the advantages, if any, of taking out a deed of covenant as you

I agree that the covenant must be capable of lasting for more than six years but if in the meantime both covenantor and covenantee agree to cancel the deed then future payments do not have to be maintained and the previous payments hold previous payments hold.

As blood is supposed to be thicker than water one would hope that the child would comply with the suggestions of the parent. If the blood turns out to be thinner there would in. any case be no tax disadvantage, unless the child's income became sufficiently high to attract tax at the higher rates and the investment income surcharge.

On the same topic a reader asks for further information about taking out a deed of covenant in favour of a child and inquires whether it would be effective for a younger child.

The reason for taking out a deed of covenant is that the payer gets tax relief at 35 per cent (assuming, of course, that he or she has sufficient income taxed at the basic rate to cover the gross payment), so on a gross commitment of £350 tax of £122.50 will be deducted at source and the recipient gets the balance of £227.50. There is no relief at the higher rates.

From the recipient's point of view every single person is entitled to a cax free personal allowance of £735, so any tax suffered at source on income below this figure can be re-claimed. The point of restricting the gross amount to £350 is to avoid (at least for the time being until child benefit completely takes over) the loss of

child allowance. All this only works for a her majority. A parent cannot for tax purposes transfer in-come to a younger child. A grandparent can, but in this ase the gross amount has to be restricted to £115 because of the rule that investment in-come in excess of this figure ation is contained in section come in excess of this figure ation is contained in section will restrict the child allow- 23(2) the Finance Act 1971.

On the subject of child benefit and child allowances a



reader writes: "We have two children aged 19 and 21 both at university (and continuing there in 1977-78) for which we now receive a rax allowance of £365 each, as we contribute towards their maintenance. Under the new child benefit system only children under 19 on April 4, 1977, are eligible for benefit which excludes our two. At the same time (according to your article) our income tax allowances for them will be considerably reduced. Is

I am afraid it is. However, These long-term consider the Inland Revenue has made ations need not put one off a statement on this point as getting the immediate benefit. I agree that the covenant must parents of students, those who are liable to a parental contri-bution will benefit from adjustments to be made in the parental contribution scales for student grants in the academic year commencing in September, 1977 (and subsequent years) to take account of the reduction

in child tax allowances.
"Child benefit is not in any event payable for any child aged 19 or over, and in view of the adjustments to be made in student grant arrangements, it is proposed as from October, 1977, to exclude from entitlement to child benefit students courses." QD.

Just whether this reader will be worse or better off on balance under the new scheme remains to be seen.

To finish on a quite different topic, a reader tells me that owing to oversights by has been dealing and the delay of the Inspector of Taxes in dealing with his tax returns he is now out of time in putting in a notice for separate assess-ment. In an article of mine written some months ago there is reference to the fact that the Inland Revenue has power to extend the time but will only do so in special cases.

The reader adds: "I pre-

sume that such power derives from a section of one of the Finance Acts and would be most grateful if you could let me know the authority for this statement that I can refer to it when I next take up the mat-

The reader is referring to an election for the separate taxation of wife's earnings which, in appropriate circumstances, is a rax saving claim and is quite different from "separate authority to the Inland Revenue to apportion the total tax liability between husband The authority for the Board

of Inland Revenue to extend

Vera Di Palma

Insurance

Need for a new look at surrender values

lived in a world of modest infla-tion and low interest rates, and with every reasonable expectation that any change in our cir-cumstances would inevitably be

our belief in this pleasant state of life. Inflation is rampant. Interest rates, despite their recent fall, are still penal and at the best all we can look for-ward to is a slight easing in the pay policy and a riny improvement in our take-home pay packet. At the worst there is the spectre of unemployment. In these changed circum-

stances long-range personal fin-ancial planning has become difficult for all and impossible for manv.

In almost every field of saving this fact is recognized. In the stock market a long-term year or even six months, some would argue. Parents, faced with the increasingly heavy burden of private education, will tend to hop in and out of state system to ease the pressure of fees. Building societies no longer

mpose surrender penalties when house-buyers cancel a mortgage early, because they wish to move house. The hire purchase industry has had imposed upon it the condition that borrowers should be able to repay their debts early with-out adverse financial conse-

quences. in which most of us are involved still to alter its approach to take account of this world of rapidly changing circum-stances—the life assurance in-

Life assurance is by its nature

a long-term commitment. Any-one who has had perforce to surrender a policy will know how rigidly this view is imposed by the industry.

There is little sympathy and a sharp penalty in the shape of a very poor surrender value

There is no global information about the number of people who surrender their assurance policies each year, but the policies each year, but the cumstances would inevitably be for the better.

Through bitter experience most of us have had to retract to unit-linked contracts, this figure must be significant. Each division is not identified year since 1971 the life assurbation is not identified assurbation. in surrender values than it has to ensure that the life office

on death claims. The surrender value statistics are, in their turn, inflated by the large surrenderings of guaranteed income bonds in 1974 and 1975, but even if one knocks as much as £100m off the annual totals in those two years, surrender payments were still in excess of death claims and not much below

When a life assurance policy bought (or sold as the industry would insist) there are obvious administrative ex-penses. On top of that, the cost of the straight death cover element of the policy must be subtracted before one can begin to look at its investment con-

maturity claims.

In practice, most of the paper work costs are incurred in the early years of the policy, which is the justification of the virtually non-existent surrender "term" cost is not very high that period, even after allowing (for example the cost per for tax relief.

Total premiums paid:

Economic Insurance

London & Edinburgh

Canada Life Blackburn Assurance

Scottish Mutual

MGM Assurance

Scottish Equitable Life

Life Association of Scotland 801

Windsor Life

25 yr endowment

21.000

650

771

650

on the policy—for having £1,000 of death cover for a broken the contract.

There is no global informa.

The remaining proportion of man of 35 is under £10 a year). can meet its full range of contractial liabilities with some to

spare the surplus. The surplus goes to reserves and is partly distributed later as bonuses, both reversionary and terminal, and—according to a strict formula—to share holders in proprietary offices in the form of dividends.

The dispute about surrender values centres on how much of the available surplus should be a located to policyholders who, for one reason or another. are unable to stay the course To a man, actuaries employed by insurance offices will argue that surrendering policyholders should get only the bare

As the accompanying tables show, individuals who have been contributing to a policy for as much as 10 years may be in the position of receiving less back than the amount they

SOME LOW SURRENDER VALUES _ 15 yr endowment surrendered after 357 City of Glasgow Life Association of Scotland. University Life 390 Economic Insurance 832 Canada Life 856 Scottish-Mutual 857 Sentinel Insurance

Policy value available on early surrender on May 1, 1976. Policy effected by a male age 30 next birthday at entry paying an annual premium of £100 p.a. Source: Planned Savings.

Windsor Life

SURRENDER VALUES OFFERED BY THE BEST SELLING LIFE OFFICES.

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Fotal premiums paid:	endon	with profits ment cred after 20 years £2.000	endo	with profit wment ered after 10 years £1.000
Prudential Norwich Union Life Standard Life Legal & General Co-operative insurance Commercial Union Scottish Widows Fund Guardian Life Pearl Assurance Sun Life Assurance	£1,193 1,005 1,078 1,133 1,018 1,106 1,084 1,000 926 1,071	£3,619 3,172 3,411 3,466 5,413 3,039 3,552 3,114 2,932 3,285	2521 476 477 507 513 488 476 494 451 500	£1,320 1,205 1,291 1,255 1,324 1,210 1,226 1,199 1,168 1,217

Policy value available on early surrender on May 1, 1976. Policy effected by a male age 30 next birthday at entry, paying an annual premium of £100 p.a. Source: Planned Savings.

The life offices' argument is to take the guaranteed surthat you cannot have something crender values before maturity. for nothing-ie, policyholders have had death cover which have to self—matched "undertheir dependents would have been grateful to receive if the policyholders had happened to the inflow of new funds. Any die, which they did not; that any early surrender must upset any early surrender must upset investment calculations designed to "march" liabilities; that the surrender values are at least reasonably firm and that policyholders will be able to get out at the published rate irrespective of good or bad market conditions (a dig at linked-life assurance); that paid up policies or loans against

paid up policies or loans against the policy are available and represent a much better alternative; and that surrender values improve significantly the nearer the end of the term one gets.
All these points may be valid, but they are also very one sided. The main life offices with huge conventional port-folios are not the more or less single-product companies like Nation Life and London Indem-

nity and General Insurance which came so disastrously un-stuck over their "matching"

problems when investors opted

The big life offices do not renders—they can be met from the inflow of new funds. Any distortion to the overall shape of the life fund from surrenders of the life fund from surrenders should be within the normal tolerances of any long-term fund. Surrenders could be allowed for, like any other operating cost.

The advice that those short of

money should take out a loan against the policy, instead of surrendering it, can be criticized more strongly. If the argument against surrenders is that basically they are against the interests of the other policyholders, who honour their con-tractual obligations, then loans are no answer.
At the rate at which the life

offices charge interest—well below bank overdraft and building society mortgage interest rates-insurance company loans are equally against the interest of the other policyholders, because the company is deliberately not maximizing

Policyholders who are forced to surrender their policies can and do argue that it is they who are being discriminated against.
The policyholder who is able to
stay the course not only receives all the reversionary bonuses credited to the policy, which surrenderees do not, but

als) gets handsome terminal bonuses into the bargain. Terminal bonuses are a modern innovation which recognizes that the ultra-cautious bonus policy of life offices was not permitting policyholders to share fully in the profits of their invested funds. The ter-minal bonus is a system of rewarding each outgoing batch of policyholders in relation to the underlying performance of the life fund during the period they have been with the com-

pany.

There is now an overwhelming case for saying that, at current low levels of surrender values, those receiving terminal bonuses get too large a sharc of the cake, leaving only crumbs for those who, after paying in for 10 or 15 years, are forced to surrender their

policies early.

Reform along these lines would not alter the main structure of the life offices or force them to adopt a different, more conservative reversionary bonus structure. People surrendering policies do not expect exactly the same return as the investor who stays the full and agreed length of the course. But they are now being penalized by the insurance industry philosophy of pitching surrender values at what is fundamentally a deter-rent level

A situation where someone who has been saving through a life policy for 10 years would in fact have been better off taking our term assurance and putting the rest of his premium into a building society is not one that can really be tolerated

Investment trusts

Another takeover bid sets the adrenalin flowing

The usually leisurely pace of Before the arrival of the Brievents in the investment trust rish Rail Pension Fund on the sector has speeded up remark-ably in recent weeks. Spurred ment groups were having a on by takeover activity, share prices have moved smartly Electra House announced that ahead and since the beginning of December the average discount on assets has narrowed from 28 to 40 per cent. investment trusts has risen from 133 to 164 over the same

Last week Guinness Peat, the commodity and banking house, bid for the London Electrical & General Trust, of which it is manager, in the face of a threat from United Kingdom Provident, a major shareholder in the trust. The previous week there was the £33m blockbuster from the British Rail Pension Fund for Standard, one of the nine Touche Remnant

general activity going on else-where. Outside predators are showing their hand just as the nvestment trust industry has been indulging in some loud trumpet blowing in an effort to lure back the private share-holder, whose disenchantment over the past few years with wide discounts has emphasized the problems of too many shares and too few investors.

period.

it was working on a scheme to merge Cable and Globe, where there are large crossholdings, to form a £150m colossus. Hen-The FT Actuaries index for derson is merging Mendip with the Cabot unit trust. Hambros's medium sized

funds and Rothschilds's New Court are contemplating action, possibly unitization. Meanwhile, there is a flurry

But it is British Rail's cheeky lob into the very heart of the investment trust establishment that puts most pressure on the rather gentlemanly world of fund management to do something positive about the industry. After the bid for LEGT at around 5 per cent above asset value there is obviously plenty of scope for to takeover.
an increase in the below-asset.
Some of value offer for Standard. At the right price Touche

Remnant, the managers, cannot in the interests of shareholders justify opposition. But there must be a danger that the arrival of outsiders (and several other pension funds are believed to have made quiet approaches only to be equally quietly shown the door) will tend to put the

the short-term rather than encourage the long-term rationalization that the sector obviously needs.

Money managers like Slater
Walker have made no secret of

the fact that they would like to acquire the management of investment trust groups but there are none for sale. A number of houses, Touche and Murray Johnstone included are owned by the trusts they manage and are therefore out reacn. Unitization is another way

of keeping funds within a management orbit as well as of eliminating the discount. Trust mergers certainly deal with the problem of cross holdings and the double discount to share holders. They also create, as in the case of Cable and Globe, huge funds, quite impregnable Some of the merger activity

indeed, could be a mixed blessing for the market. Electra House has not spelt out preci-sely how its merger of Cable and Globe will operate, but there must be a possibility that with the recent appreciation in investment trust shares the £30m of crossbokings will not be eliminated, but floated out on the market—and this



Lord Remnant, chairman of

sion do go through the amount taken out of the market so far would be about £100m, as against the widely quoted re-duction of £500m needed to restore stability to the £6,000m sector. A decision by Electra door) will tend to put the despite the fact that one of the instead to float Cable and dustry, the decline of the small managers on the defensive in welcome aspects of merger and Globe's crossholdings stock investor and the era of high

The sequence of the various

items in pension schemes des-

crintive booklets varies from

scheme to scheme. After deal-

ing with the way the amount of

pension or lump sum is worked out, many go on to deal with the date of commencement of

pension and details of payment.

I shall leave this until later, as also the question of lump sum benefits at retirement, and turn

next to increases of pension in course of payment—probably as important a feature of a scheme

as any other, and the subject on which I interrupted this series in my last article. The whole philosophy and practicalities of pension in-creases are less simple than might be thought at first sight.

The cost is a constraint on almost all pension schemes

possibly even in public service

schemes. Quite apart from the considerable and unquantifiable

cost of contractual cost of living

increases, any increases must cost money. It is felt by some that any available resources should be applied first to rais-ing the level of the pension at

Pensions.

A great deal of activity in investment trusts is of an ephemeral nature. It is easy enough to tidy up the fringes of the sector. Simonside, an independent investment trust is on for them to do something tracks. would be an unwelcome rever- interest rates that has reduced recently announced that it was of the more controversial planning liquidation if there aspects of investment trust were no offers in the mean-structure.

to a bid. The Leopold Joseph trusts, where there are numerous crossholdings, must be ripe for change now that 21 per cent in one of them, Anglo Welsh, has just changed hands. Institutions wishing to place a large amount of money in

the market might find it convenient to find an investment trust vehicle. Similarly the merchant banks, where a large number of client holdings effectively protect an investis the reduction in its issued ment trust offshoot, may like capital.

If all the plans under discussion do go through the amount find a full bid a handy rights issue.

But, arguably, all this leaves the rump of the industry no nearer to sorting our its conceptual role against the on-slaughts of the unit trust in-dustry, the decline of the small

Akhough Large independents such as from the Association of Invest-Mercantile must be vulnerable ment Trust companies shows. that, judged porely on asset performance, the sector has done reasonably well over the past year shareholders are given fairly short shrift. Portfolios, other than in the minority of specialist trusts. are depressingly similar and information on strategy is genbanalities on the economy once a year. With a few exceptions there is little indication of the amount of managerial activity. euphoria which could build up in the investment trust marke will luli the managers into a

false sense of security about the need to take some initiative on the looger term future of

Margaret Drummond

Bonds

Gilt-edged funds head the welcome recovery

market, particularly towards the end when money started chasing gilts. Unspectacular as the trend is compared with what happened in the early 1970s, it is still a "welcome recovery" though "one should not go over the moon about it", says one of the leading companies in this

Figures last mouth from the Life Offices Association show single premium sales up 83 per ceut from £219m in 1975 to f401m last year. The figures include all ordinary life assurance and annuity schemes.
In general, single premium bonds did not show such spec-tacular growth, but insurance In the early part of 1976 expansion followed the recovery companies are not complaining. in the stock market and as it slumped so did interest in equity-linked bonds. As interest rates rocketed, fixed interest funds came into their own, while the unprecedented rise in

GROSS REVENUE

liabilities/assets

NET REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR ORDINARY STOCK

EARNED FOR ORDINARY STOCK (net)

Total value including net current

Attributable to Ordinary Stock

. Net asset value per unit of 25p

DIVIDENDS ON ORDINARY STOCK (net)

INVESTMENTS-Valued at 30th November

gilts became the rage and a vestment performance of the number of new gilt bonds were introduced in the final weeks Basic rate taxpayers will re-

pleasure and similar to diffi-linked life policies, since the ultimate value of the bond-depends on the value of the underlying assets in which the single premium is invested. Insurance companies place the property, equity, fixed interest or managed (encompassing all three sectors)—which operate very much like ordinary unit

trusts. Since they are not in fact unit trusts, the insurance companies are not hampered by promotional and investment restrictions affecting those. The boudholder is not the actual owner of units in the fund but

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Last year saw increased activity the minimum lending rate had in the single premium bond the opposite effect on property whole life policy cover—and the market, particularly towards the funds in the second half. In the second half of the year in the end depend on the Basic rate taxpayers will re- Ca

introduced in the final weeks of the year.

The bonds are a form of the bonds or shares that can be cashed in at the bondholder's pleasure and similar to unit-linked life policies, since the unitable will face higher rate taxpayers will receive their capital sum free of the bonder to the companies and, at source, by the companies whose profits are paid by way of dividend to the funds. Higher rate tax and independent on the value of the bonder to the profit of vestment surcharge liability, so it would be prudent to hold on to the bond until the days when income declines.

In this vein there are two more points worth mentioning Many life companies permit switching "—that is, transfering the bondholding from one fund to another. Switching is done free of capital gains tax, whereas an ordinary investments switch-cashing in stocks to reinvest in property, for in-stance—would involve capital

Secondly, many companies offer withdrawal facilities. Bondholders may take out up to 5 per cent per annum of the value of the bond without paying tax at the time. This is a tax deferral, not a tax avoid-ance, scheme, but it is a way of increasing annual spendable

The impression at Vanbrugh Life is that investors are increasingly looking to these bonds for tax reasons rather than strictly for investment gains. The advice is that a higher rate taxpayer should not purchase these bonds on a shortterm view and the longer he can defer his tax liability on his withdrawals the better for

Bonds are flexible, too. Convertibles, or cash bonds, are wait-and-see vehicles. Money is kept fairly liquid until the smoke settles over the investment markets and the bondholder can decide more specifically where he would like his premium investment to go. yields on some government Managed funds theoretically paper also climbed. The rush cover all three major invest- to gilts has been well publicized ment areas. Of course, invest- and, thanks to prescience or

SING	S*		
	(£) 1975	(£) 1976	%_change
'Abbey Life	20.6 m	24.2m	17.47
annon	1.0 m	3.5m	250.0
ambro Life	16.5 m	35.5m	115.15
	.95m	1.7m	80.0
vl&G -	1.5 m	. 3.8m	153.3
'*Save & Prospe	8.0 m	. 14.0m	75.0
Tyndall	1.91m	1.7m	- 10.9
anbrugh	12.0 m	35.0m	191.66
* These figures	include all single	premium bond	business, includ-

ing that linked to unit trusts where companies have such schemes, but they exclude regular savings and annual premium

Abbey figures result largely from increase in sales of the new Life Income Plan.

*** Save and Prosper figures are rounded up to the nearest million.

† M & G figures for year ending September 30.

†† Tyndall figures are calculated on a year ending June 30.

Finally, there is much wider use of share exchange schemes than there used to be. Investors deliver their share certificates for by switching.

In lieu of a single premium payment and thereby save on fixed interest funds will conpaperwork and perhaps on deal-time to be attractive for the ing costs as well.
Timing is obviously of the

essence. The notable feature of last year's growth was the influx of money into fixed interest bonds, gilt funds in Vanbrugh, for example, esti-mate that in the second half of the year perhaps as much as 80 per cent of their new money went there. Earlier in the year managed funds seemed to attract the most investment, reflecting investment investment,

reflecting investors' indecision and caution. Hambro and Abbey did very well, particularly in the first half of the year. Hambro sales were up just over 100 per cent on the year before and pro-perty led with investment fairly evenly distributed among the other funds. With Abbey the greatest proportion of total single premium income also went to property funds.
When the MLR hit its peak,

ment splits are the business of good advice, the ordinary in-each insurance company.

Finally, there is much wider use of share exchange schemes bonds hit the market and money poured in, some of it accounted

> next two to three months at least, depending on how fast short-term interest rates come

study the investment splits of

overall investment breakdown

offering more than one type of

the insurance companie

As with all investment fashions, there is always the danger that it may be carried too far or that investors may retirement date.
There is a lot to be said for this argument in relation to benefits which are really too overlook other potentially attractive markets. With small to enable pensioners to live in retirement with a measinterest rates falling, property funds and property bonds are probably a good bet. Vanbrugh, for one, are bullish. ure of comfort. It is more diffi-cult to sustain this view once the benefit has been raised to a reasonable level, and the case for putting pension in-creases last in the order of At present there are at least 52 companies offering nearly 150 bonds altogether. It is priorities, if ever it held convicessential to compare the charges, surrender terms, postion, has lost it in the face of high levels of inflation in recent

sible income options, death benefits and other guarantees The question is one of judg-Views of what constiwhich may be provided.

Also, it is always helpful to ment. tutes a "reasonable" level of provision will vary: so also will views on the degree of protecvarious fund portfolios and the tion which a pensioner needs. As people grow older, their activities inevitably reduce, and

your post-retirement income Some contraction in income

in retirement is therefore

Problem of providing increases in

acceptable, provided that it is kept within limits. With infla-tion running at 3 or 4 per cent 10 or 15 years ago, it was possible to ignore the problem; at today's inflation levels it is not. The differences of philosophy, as well as differing fin-ancial resources of various ancial resources of various employers, are clearly reflected in the range of methods for dealing or not dealing with

dealing—or not dealing—with this problem.

Pension schemes fall into three broad categories. Some do not provide for increases (or, although they have the power to increase pensions, never use it). Others give pen-sioners a contractual right to sioners a contractual right to receive increases at stated inter-vals on some specified basis. Between these two extremes, many schemes review pensions at regular or irregular intervals, and make increases in the light of changes in money values, the financial state of the scheme, and the willingness of

the employer to provide more

In fact, the majority of pen-sion schemes include provisions in their rules which allow them to increase pensions above the level of the standard formula according to pay and length of service. These powers normally apply equally to a pension which is being paid and to one which has not yet started. They do not however, necessarily permit an increase up to the Inland Revenue, although at the

time the rules are drafted they normally do so, for there is no point in restricting powers which need not be exercised. Even though most schemes have these powers, they do not normally use them. The most you will find in the descriptive g more than one type of they are content to live more general reference in a paraquietly. Their financial needs graph tucked away at the end reduce overall, although specific items (heating is probably the employer's right to ter-

the most important) move minste his financial support for against this general trend. the scheme, prohibition of the scheme, prohibition of assignment of benefits, the position of members who become bankrupt and other formalities.
Unless there is some much

more precise description—and in a more prominent position—ir would be prudent to assume that the scheme's normal praca pension unchanged once it has started. After all, it is an important plus point in a scheme which provides increases whether on a contractual basis or by regular reviews in the light of circumstances.

Stances If a scheme, which normally leaves pensions unchanged. decides to make an exception in times of particular difficulty, probably financed by a special payment from the employer, the pensioners will receive an unexpected bonus: but this is better than counting on this sort of protection, perhaps on the strength of some isolated event in the past, and being disappointed.

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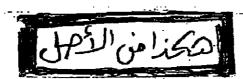
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stor's week

arket falters on sy policy fears

round of pay restraint stock market's recent to the test this week, face of it a 22.3 point the FT index to last close of 381.5 is not ging, but it was not sterday that prices fell and only then because started to react to instarted to react to in-

market people believe th equities and gilts vived a difficult period mable shape and the has been caused by a uyers rather than any ing pressure.

xception was a brief e on Wednesday when red that the TUC could e on their approach to policy, but in the main intions have been con-by their absence. While over inflationby a worst-ever whole-es index on Mondayenough to provoke thought they have d the big investors to heir fundamental view economy is moving in

end to lower interest night a rather brisker the gilt-edged market, rticular emphasis on ed stocks. The Bank of change of tack the week brought a more approach but did not market in its tracks as feared.

was a flurry of excite-Thursday that the the repeat the operait was not until yester-there were falls of any there was no reduc-minum lending rate, 1gh Treasury bills in-

gilt market daily gains ort end of the range n stretching to five-1 some cases with the ted "longs" adding But yesterday was a story with many specially the longer ing up to a full point. tinued to enliven an flat equity market, toutly resisting an un-36m approach from Engineering and annual meeting re-

rong support from

shareholders in their opposi-The shares eased 2p to while AE's lost 21p to Another rejection came from

Another rejection came from Johnson Group Cleaners, up 16p to 48p. This time the suitor is Sketchley and the terms are worth £4.7m, or almost 44p a shere.
After months of takeover speculation Specialized Repro-

graphic materials group Ozalid agreed to a bid from Holland and the shares ended the week at 86p after a brief suspension at 100p.

Oil shares were hit by profit-taking at the start of the week but received a fillip on Thurs-day when the fifth round of North Sea exploration licences were announced by the Government. The majors, already well entrenched, made a muted re-sponse but other shares with North Sea interests gained ground. Typical were Associated Newspapers, up 4p to 154p, and Thomson Organisation which gained 8p to 402p.

Tricentrol continued to beneffit from press comment and rose 8p to 136p.

News that the Price Commis-News that the Price Commission is to investigate beer prices weakened many brewery shares. Among those worst hit were Vaux, off 21p to 257p, Allied Breweries, down 7½p to 60p, Bass Charrington, lower by 11p at 90p, and Guinness, down 9p to 128p.

The two outstanding results of the week came from Decca and Imperial Group. "Imps" is making a big effort in the king size cigarette market and its figures were more or less in line with market expecta-tions. The shares lost 2p to

Decca, however, suffered for shares were down by 22p to 233p after the chairman had sounded a warning on future

With results approaching some of the "blue chips" were in retreat. Fisons, where fullyear profits are due next month, dipped 35p to 300p on fears that the fertilizer side will not him. not live up to expectations, while Glaxo, whose figures are a little further off, were also a weak spot losing 27p to 430p. David Mott

V SHARE RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK

w	Company	Movement	Comment
Эp	De La Rue	298p + 35p	Demand after results
'p	Johnson Grp Kitchen Taylor	48p + 16p 26p + 13p	Sketchiey offer London Trust stake
Þ	W. J. Pyke	36p + 12p	Speculative demand
ΙÞ	Tricentrol	136p + 8p	Press comment
		Falls	
d d	Assoc Dairies Decca "A" Dalgety Racai	223p — 27p 233p — 22p 235p — 21p 261p — 14p	Profit-taking Profits warning Disappointing profits Milgo battle
P	Vaux	257p — 21p	Prices probe

rust performance

STS: Growth & Specialist funds (progress this year and tee years). Unitholder index 1,704.3 change from January 7.1%. nge offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: ange over three years: +13.7%.

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ctal 2.7	1.5	L & C International -1.5 1	1.9	TY 71 C: .	
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owth 2.2	_	Henderson Internat -3.3 - Midland Drayton Cm -3.6	2.7 2.7	TT ALL DILCCL	
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al -0.8	29.2 63.8	Hambro Sec of Amer -4.8 2	2.1	New York, Feb 11Wall Street	
'xovery -0.9 't Capital -1.9	3.2	Britannia Invest Tst -5.3	5.3	stocks closed mostly lower today.	
Cap F -1.9	7.9	Gt Winch Overseas M -5.5 -1		The Dow Jones industrial average closed off 6.40 points to 931.52	
, aller Sec -2.5	41.4		结	closed off 6.40 points to 931.52.	
umulator -3.0	16.8	Lawson American —6.6 —2 Ionian Foreign M —8.2 —	<u>.</u>	Declining issues outnumbered gainers by about 855 to 536.	
Capital -3.0	15.5	Ionian Foreign M -8.2 - Grantchester -8.7 1	9.9 1.7	Volume totalled 20,510,000 shares,	
apital F -3.0	2.2	Britannia New Issue -8.7 -19	9.9	down from 22,340,000 shares	
ıl -3.2 tal -3.3	7.5	Britannia N America - 8.7	 , I	As the stock market opened,	
tal — 3.3 Equity — 3.8	1.3		3.9	the United States Government	
rowth -4.4	11.7	S & P US Growth —8.8 Schlesinger Amer Ex —8.8	<u>6.1</u>	reported that wholesale prices in	
t Gth F -4.7	12.9	Practical -9.0 2	9.0	January rose at a 0.5 per cent rate compared with a downward	
iller Co's -4.9	18.8	S & P Financial -9.6 -	5.7	revised 0.6 per cent rate in the	
ital —5.8	21.0	CT US & General -9./ 3	1.0	previous month.	
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owth -6.6 th -7.5	7.4	SEP ITU -10.0	7.8 5.0	Coffee gains 2.62c	
-8.2	8.5	Allied Hambro Int -10.2 -3 Bridge Talisman Int -10.2 -3	4.2 l	New York, Feb 11.—COFFEE	
sF -8.3	4.2	Henderson Nat Rees -10.3 -3	0.4 I	New York, Feb 11.—COFFEE futures backed off from an early 3.00c	
v Growth −8.5	-6.6	NIPI (NOCTRESS - 10.0 -	- 1	futures backed off from an early 3.00c ilmit gain and subsequently held relatively steady up to the close, Final prices ranged from 1.74c to 2.62c up, on an estimated volume of 1.705 contracts. March. 237.36-237.00c; May 238.80-258.50c; July 238.60-258.50c; July 238.60-258.50c; July 238.60c; Jul	
Cap —8.8	16.7	Midland Drayton In -11.3 2	4.7	on an estimated volume of 1.705 con-	
Smal Cos —8.8	16.7	Henderson N Amer - 11.5	2.7	tracts, March, 237.50-237.00c; May, 238.60-238.50c; July, 238.60-238.74c;	
covery -8.9 of M -9.1	18.8 80.4		0.0 6.3	Sept. 238,60-238,50c; Dec. 235.80	
on M	37.7	Delements Int Cth -12.1	3.č	COCOA.—Fitters closed down the	
i -9.2	-11.0	London Wall Inter -12.2	4.9	1.00c daily limit owning to widespread	
ipital Acc -9.4	37. 9	Allied Metal Mn Cm -12.4	0.2	might be reduced because of soaring	
-10.3	20.3	M & G Far Eastern -12.4 -	9.7	were ouistanding. March. 178,00c;	
Cap Acc -10.3	12.2	Timicorm America -12.5 -	T2	May, 174.00c; July, 168.00c; Sept. 162.90c; Dec .148.99c; March.	
$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{pound} & -10.4 \\ \text{owth} & -10.8 \end{array}$	6.4 6.2		9.6	143 26c; May, 138.65c. Spots: Ghana	
owih —10,8 versal —10,9	7.3	S & P Commodity -12.7 Gartmore American -12.8	_	SUGAR Tone mixed: 3,599 estimated	
ton Cap -11.2	28.4	THANK NIL YIELD -13.0 -	<u>-</u> . I	sales. Spot 8.70c off 0.50c; March. 8.74-8.76c; May. 8.95-8.95c; July.	
apital -11.5	-43.1	Rowan International -13.3 -1	7.3	8 92-8 91c Sept. 8.90-8.93c; Oct.	
bs Gw <u>rth</u> —11.6	 .	Trident American -13./	<u></u>	9.11-9.10c; May, 9.13-9.14c; July.	
to Gth -11.6	34.4	Gartmore Inter -14.1 -1 Henderson Financial -14.1 -3	23	GOLD.—New York Comex prices rose	
portun'y -11.9 t Cap -12.0	30.3	Britannia Assets —15.5	4.4	1.638 contracts. Chicago IMM prices	
m Share —12.1	2.6	Unicom Financial -16.3	7.7	were up \$0.30 to \$0.70 on an esti-	
form'nce -12.1	20.9	Charterhouse Fit -10.5	i.ē	Feb. \$156.20; March. \$136.60, April.	
surance —12.4	5.6	Trident Inter -16.5 -11	9.1 9.1	Oct. \$140.50: Dec. \$141.80: Frb.	
rofess —12.5	11.9		5:5 I	\$145.70. CHICAGO DAM.—March.	
gnum —12.7	-23.1 20.1	London Wall Finan -17.0 -16 S & P Scotbits -17.2 -18	8.6	\$136.70-136.50; June. \$138.50-	
≥st Cap —13.5 funds —14.4	1.8	Arbuthnot Capital -18.1 -2	2.2 🕻	\$141.70-141.80; March. \$143.80; June.	
at Chge -14.6	21.0	Target Winancial — 18.2 — C	5.3	SILVAR —Comex intures closed 1.20c	
hield -14.8	3.3	National West Finan -18.3	2.1 9.2	sales. Feb. 447.90c: March. 448.50c:	
Growth -14.8	-27.8	Hill Samuel Fig 10.0	1.5	April 450.80c; May, 453.10c; July, 457.80c; Sept. 460.50c; Dec. 469.80c;	
-15.7	<u></u> 19.8	M & G European -19.0 -2 S & P European -19.1	4.6	Jan, 472.20c: March, 477.00c: May.	
Capital — 16.7 vth — 16.8	-46.6	Security Select F -19.4	7.1 (previous 450.50c: Handy & Harman	
tgrowth -17.2	-6.3	Target International -13.4	3.4	COPPER.—Steady: 5.457 estimated	
e —17.4	-12.2	Arb'tha't N Am Int -20.5 -2	1.3	sales. Feb. 64.00c; March, 64.10c;	
Growth -23.7	-10.5	London & Brussels -20.5 -21 Lawson Gilt -20.5		66.20c: Sept. 67.10c: Dec. 68.20c:	
-24.8 Covery -28.3	-20.5	Britannia Far East -20.5 -15	5.7	COTTON.—Futures closed 0.05c higher	
overy —28.3 wth —36.5		Refrancia Property -20.9 -30	5.O }	May, 76.50c: July, 76.10-76,45c: Oct.	
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7.5	<u>, —</u>	Unicorn Australia -28.4 -32 Brit nia Gold & Gen -29.1 -55	::\$ I	May, \$190.00. SOYABEAN OIL.— Mar 23.01:23.04c; May, 23.35-23.32c;	
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	-18.2	17:11 Camuel Jul	1.1	23.60r; Mar. 23.70c; May. 23.75c.	
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Stock markets

Grudging surrender to pay worries

After a week of strain, equities finally succumbed to the growing union hostility to another round of pay restraint and ended the account with

and ended the account with heavy losses.

After a morning of reasonably heavy selling, the FT Index stood a full 11 points off at 2 pm, its low point of the day. Though there was little business thereafter, the tone went a little firmer and by the close the index stood at 381.5, a loss of 8.2 on the day and 22.3 for the week. The account 2.3 for the week. The account brought a drop of 21.7.

Dealers said the crucial factor in the performance was

the weakness of sterling on incomes policy worries and the reported reappearance of the Bank of England in the foreign exchange markets.

Hard on unloading its stake in Antofagasta (Chile) & Bolivia Railway in January, Estates House Investment Trust, formed from the Lowson empire, is now thought to have sold its sizable thought to have sold its sizable stake in Algoma Railway through a Canadian broker last week. This would remove a "big" hurdle to unitization, liquidation or whatever, though action here is probably still a few months away. As long ago as last June, net asset value was put at 263p but it should be usefully higher now. By contrast, the shares are 202p.

Though a majority of dealers feel the market is still basically firm they were not surprised by the size of the slump. The mood, they say, has become progressively more ner-vous this week and they look come to some good trade figures on Monday to restore some of the

In the gilt-edged market

to the liquidation of the com-

pany and the distribution of the

At this level Atlantic is valued at around £9.5m. Since

the sale of its last ship in 1973

assets have consisted of shares. Government stocks and cash.

The director said that they

had been exploring "all possi-

bilities" of widening the scope of the company's activities. Sev-eral propositions had been in-

vestigated, aimed at making the

market price " much nearer the

proceeds to shareholders.

Atlantic Ship

soars on

there were heavy losses throughout the range after Treasury Bill indications were ignored and the MLR stayed unchanged. At the short end, losses ranged between one-quarter and three-eighths, while "longs" fell up to a full

Among the "blue chips", the worst hit was Fisons which lost 15p to 300p after comment suggesting that the fertilizer busi-ness will impair next month's profit figures. Glaxo also conprofit rigures. Glazo also continued weak with a drop of 10p to 430p while others in retreat were ICI 8p to 339p and Beecham 8p to 404p. A late gain of 4p left Unilever just 2p off at the end with a final figure

of 422p.
With Wall Street support, BP

stood out like a beacon and, though below its best, was still 10p to the good at 926p. But other oils were not strong with Shell down 11p to 504p and Tricentrol, strong all week, 4p wer at 136p.
The investigation into beer The investigation into beer prices continued to depress brewery shares. Among the hardest hit were Vaux, also depressed by fading hid hopes and 10p off at 257p, Bass Charrington down 5p to 90p, Guinness 4p to 128p, and Distillers which also joined in the retreat with a loss of 21p to 123p.

Bid and speculative stocks

Bid and speculative stocks continued to command atten-

for better terms after the

Sketchley offer, held firm at 48p, Camrex put on a penny to 51p, after 53p, on speculative interest as did Dawson International which ended 3p to the good which ended 3p to the

tional which ended 3p to the good at 63p.

Agreed terms had Maurice James up 2p to 26p and York Trust, half a point easier at 8p, while Cavenham lost 6p to 116p on the fading hope of better terms from General Occidentale. Atlantic Shipping, mentioned here yesterday, jumped 158p to 475p on the prospect of liquids-475p on the prospect of liquida-tion. Graig went 25p better to

That long-standing bid favourite Ozalid was briefly suspended at 100p before news of agreed terms with a Dutch company. The shares returned at 90p and closed at 86p.

Two to react to profit-taking after recent good gains were De La Rue down 9p to 298p and C. E. Heath which fell 12p to 475p. In the electrical sector, Decca "A" continued to slide after the earlier warning on profits and lost another 5p to 233p, while others in retreat were RMI 7p to 207p, GEC 5p to 184p and Thora 3p to 232p. There was a similar picture in the engineering sector with the worst affected being GKN, lower by 8p to 303p, Tube Investments 6p to 354p and Rawker Siddeley 4p to 494p. The last named was also included in purchase from Johnson Group, hoping involved in a purchase from better terms after the Watsham's whose results left

Latest dividends

Company
(and par value)
(and par value)
Christie-Tyler (10p) Int
Henry Norrington (5p) Fin
Charles Sharpe (£1) Int div 1.6 0.42 3.75 0.62 total 31/3 Wades Stores (20p) Int 0.62 0.62 31/3 — 1.8

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In the food sector, Associated Dairies reacted another 11p to 223p on profit-taking while Kitchen Taylor continued its run by putting on another 3p to 26p.

The clearing banks did not have a good day with Lloyds lowered 10p to 192p, National Westminster 7p to 215p, Barclays 7p to 245p and Midland 7p to 255p. Two discount houses followed the fall in gilts with Allen Harvey & Poes off 10p Allen Barvey & Ross off 10p to 390p and Cater Ryder down 7p to 235p. Merchant bank, Brown Shipley was another unhappy spot losing 5p to 130p.

Revived bid talk brought a flurry of interest in Norwest Holst, the Merseyside builder and civil engineer. The shares spurted 6p to 95p with Trafalgar House and Leonard Fair clough mentioned as possible suitors. There was also some interest for the next account.

Properties went down with the rest of the market with bigger-than-average falls coming from Bernard Sunley 9p to 120p, Land Securities 7p to 155p, MEPC 4p to 69p and Great Portland 4p to 208p. Equity turnover on February 10 was £66.40m (14,940 bargains). According to Exchange Tele-According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were ICI, Shell, BP, Marks & Spencer, Burmah, Courtaulds, BAT Dfd, National Westminster, Grand Metropolitan, BAT Ind, Cavenham, Distillers, EMI, GEC, Lloyds, Bass Charrington, Guinness, Whitbread "A", Lucas, Land Securities, Tricentrol and Thomson Organ-

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Christie-Tyler not winded for long

A flat furniture trade has will not be big enough to take thwarted even Christie-Tyler, the year's total above 1975-76's now one of the biggest in the £3.19m. But the dividend will field which caused a stir by be the maximum. splitting output into small pro-duction teams of eight or nine, and hoisting productivity almost

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But in the six months to October 31 it was sadly like old times. Up went turnover from £14.73m to £16.27:n but down went pre-tax profits from £1.41m to £825,000. Tax absorbed £302,000 less at £429,000 but even so earnings a share dropped from 70 adjusa share dropped from 7p adjus-

Christie specializes in med-ium priced upholstered furni-ture with some units catering for independent retailers and others supplying big chains. There is also a reproduction

There is also a reproduction furniture company and a cabiner making subsidiary called Arkana. It trebled pre-tax profits to £1.4m in the six months to November 2, 1975, and went on to make £1.79m in the second six to reach a best ever £3.19m. It is a measure then of the

a share dropped from 7p adjusted to 4.1p.

Here, however, the gloom ends. The interim dividend moves from 1.53p net adjusted to 1.6p, or 2.46p gross; and Mr George Williamson, chairman, reports that finances are still strong.

Better still, he adds that profits in the second six months should the brevity of the latest setback must be measured against the way pre-tax profits have sprung up from £571,000 as recently as 1971-72.

Maurice James agrees to bid from York

The talks announced last waste disposal, packaging and week between York Trest and storage group holding 20.5 per Maurice James Holdings have cent of York. Its latest purled to an offer for James. The chase was 282,000 shares in led to an offer for James. The terms are two York Trust shares and a 10p nominal of 10 per cent unsecured loan stock 1982 and 7p cash for every one share

The two groups have cross holdings and Mr L. M. James about 27 per cent of the MIH's and York: York is capitalized at over £500,000. It is in general orginaring as well as the eral engineering, as well as the repair and maintenance of rail

Worse, the provision for unmatured profit doubled to £142,000, so pre-tax profits plunged from £510,000 to

the terms.

way rolling stock and holds "It is expected that the about 27 per cent of the MJH's profitability of the combined equity.

MJH is a £1.4m road haulage, James alone in 1976."

After the news shares in MJH

rose 2p to 25p, against a bid value of 33p, and York Trust dipped ip to 8p.

The directors and family of MiH are accepting the offer

for a holding of about 31.5 per

cent of the equity. Both boards and their advisers recommend

this month.

Down go losses from Porvair as demand grows The link-up should reduce United Kingdom national netmonths to October 31 but trading profits dwindled from \$572,000 to £504,000

Losses are down again at Porvair, the "breathable" shoe upper material group. In the Winding-up plan

A big cash handout could be on the way for shareholders in second half year the group cut its losses from £585,000 to £35,000. the Atlantic Shipping and Trading group. The directors are giving "active consideration"

So those for the year to December 31 were only £387,000 against £1.46m. The deficit is after all charges but includes a tax credit of £390,000 Up went the company's shares. A gain of 158p took them to 475p a time before a halt was formally called to Stock Exchange dealings. against a credit of £364,000. Turnover jumped from £2.8m to £4.06m.

The group, in which Inmont Corp of the United States holds just over 80 per cent of the equity, has not paid a dividend since going public in 1969. Sir Joseph Hunt, chairman, says that the results reflect a growing interest in the company's products and the impact

on expenses of reducing opera-

tions at King's Lynn. shares more attractive with a Borthwick, CWO in

considerable underlying asset NZ meat deal value". But "the general financial Wholesale Co-operative Society and Thomas Borthwick, climate in the country has not been helpful", so they are now looking at the possibility of winding up the company.

Unless a "more attractive solution emerges", the directors solution emerges, the directors solution call a special meeting. plan to call a special meeting Longburn, will own and run the Longburn works now owned by CWS, and three works at of shareholders in June to vote on a winding-up resolution for the company.

One stock market reaction Borthwick. The new company was to mark up Graig Shipping should be in business by Octoshares 25p to 305p in sympathy. ber.

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Foreign exchange,—Sterling, spot, 1,713 (1,7147); three months, 1,6750 (1,6792); Canadian collar, .9767 (.9795).

The Dow Jones spot commodity indox was off 2.64 at 597.02. The futures index was down 2,70 at 391.55.

capital expenditure on completing the development of all four plants. Mr Peter Norman, Borthwick's chief executive in New Zealand, will be the first Fifth of Leaderflush chairman.

The merger agreement is confined to the interests of both companies in North Island. All other activities of each com-pany in South Island, in Britain and elsewhere remain un-

Low and Bonar packaging move

A division with £30m-plus turnover a year and including the biggest paper bag manufacturer in Europe has been formed by the Low and Bonar Group, which operates internationally in packaging, engineering, textiles and floor-cover-

ates the Bibby and Baron Group of Bury, Lancaskire, bought by Low and Bonar in 1976 and Low and Bonar's Dundee-based packaging inter-

ests. Divisional administrative headquarters are in Bury and will coordinate the marketing and product development of its

capital changes hands

work of 13 manufacturing and

Mannin Investment Trust has sold its holding of 400,000 shares in Leaderflush (Holdings), a fifth of the capital. They have been bought by Grange Nominees for Mr C. W.

The original plan was for Mannin to sell its shares to Mr P. Gilardi, who joined the Leaderflush board last summer. Sadly, the directors of Leader-flush felt obliged to issue a statement just over a week ago expressing concern over litigation between Mr Gilardi and Mannin about an alleged the board predicted profits of breach of contract to buy the shares. They asked for and got up from £8.95m to £10.17m.

The group says the move is the shareholding position of last designed "to spearhead the further penetration of the United Kingdom retail packaging market".

The new division incorporates the Bibby and Baron of Bury, Lancaskire, Tancaskire, Tancas The latest deal seems to alter

> Wades Stores down This year to April 30 is proving a bad one for Wades Departmental Stores. Throover rose from £5.05m to £5.57m (excluding VAT) in the six

The gross interim payment is again 0.95p. Pre-tax profits reached a peak of £886,000 in

Henry Norrington on target In line with the forecast last June, the pre-tax profits of Henry Norrington and Son more than trebled, from £59,000 to a record £182,000, in the year to September 30. Last year,

The gross dividend rises by the maximum from 0.59p to 0.65p. Norrington is an agricultural engineer, merchant and ings a share were 6.22p against general ironmonger.

Heiton profitable

A return to profits at Heiton Holdings, a Dublin-based builders' merchant, timber im-porter and fuel merchant, means an interim dividend of 0.92p against 0.33p for the whole of

in mop-up offer Commercial Banking of Sydwill be postponed until the full new is offering to buy all the year's results are in Last year outstanding shares in Commer- a final divide cial and General Acceptance was paid.

other than those already held by Commercial Banking and Bank of America.

This offer is not made to Bank of America as it is an associate of Commercial Banking in the bid. The terms are one \$1 share in Commercial Banking for every one \$1 share in Commercial and General. Commercial Banking holds

72.4 per cent of Commercial and General, and Bank of America holds 20 per cent.

Reed Shaw Osler helps Stenhouse

A strong start to the year is reported by Reed Shaw Osler, the Canadian insurance broking group 54.4 per cent controlled by Stenhouse Holdings.

Commission and fees earned climbed from £10.2m to £15.2m ings a share were 6.22p against 4.13p.

Regional Properties

After interest charges of £1.2m against £1.28m, Regional Properties reduced its loss from £246,000 to £168,000 in the half year to September 30. Rents and other income, less expenses, came to £1.03m against £1.04m.

against 0.33p for the whole of last year. Turnover rose from £6.1m to £7.9m and a loss of £149,000 turned into a pre-tax profit of £308,000. There is again no tax because of tax losses carried forward.

Comm Banking Sydney

**Revision and the line of £10.3m against £1.04m.

Net interest and outgoings on development properties slipped from £335,000 to £230,000.

After crediting £280,000 of extraordinary items, against £14.000, losses are £118,000 against £567,000.

There is again no interim dividend A decision on a final a final dividend of 0.5p gross

THE UNITED STATES AND GENERAL TRUST CORPORATION, LIMITED

The Eighty-seventh Annual General Meeting of The United States and General Trust Corporation, Limited will be held on March 9th in London.

The following is comment by Mr M. F. Berry included in the Report of the Directors which has been circulated to Shareholders:—

First I must explain, that having attained the age of seventy, I am resigning from the Board at the Annual General Meeting on March 9th next. I joined the Board in 1947 and I have had the honour of being Chairman for the

1947 and I have had the honour of being Chairman for the last 16 years. Mr. William Merton is succeeding me as Chairman. He is well known as Chairman of Robert Fleming Holdings Limited.

Turning then to the income position, these accounts show that gross revenue for 1976 amounted to £951,865 against £852,454 for 1975. Earnings per share for 1976 were 6.03p, an increase of 14.0 per cent. over the figure of 5.29p shown a year ago. Your directors now recommend a final dividend of 3.51p which together with the interim dividend of 1.43p, makes a total of 4.94p net for the year compared with 4.29p net for 1975—an increase in the dividend of 15.1 per cent.

per cent.

The figures for net asset value show a modest appreciation. Over the past year the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index has fallen 3.9 per cent, but on the other hand the Dow Jones Industrial Index (adjusted for changes in the sterling/dollar exchange rate and the dollar premium) has risen by 25.4 per cent, and the Tokyo Index has risen by 31.4 per cent. The result is that net asset value per share has increased by 8.6 per cent. from 202.6p to 220.0p. The relative performance of the U.K. market and the U.S. market is mainly responsible for the fall in the proportion of the company's investments in the U.K. (at market value) from 58 per cent. to 51.4 per cent, and the rise in those located in North America from 31.9 per cent, to 37.4 per cent. The proportion of investments in the Far

the rise in those located in North America from 31.9 per cent. to 37.4 per cent. The proportion of investments in the Far East has risen from 7.2 per cent to 9.2 per cent. Until 25 or 30 years ago investment trust companies increased their funds and their revenue by issuing prior charges at what now are very low rates of interest and investing in higher yielding stocks—mostly equities. Now, of course, their prior charges are reaching maturity and in this company's case £549,737 5 per cent. Debenture Stock was redeemed on 31st December, 1976, and moreover £782,938 33 per cent. Debenture Stock will be repaid on 1st July, 1977. After that the company will have no prior charges other than £870,750 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference Stock. Shareholders in an investment trust require that it should provide a progressive dividend record and a spread of investments with a good proportion of stocks which they would not

ments with a good proportion of stocks which they would not have the expertise or facilities to buy for themselves. We feel that this company satisfies those points, and it is pleasing to be able to recommend a substantial increase in the divi-dend this year. The sale of assets to repay the two debenture stocks must have its effect on the earnings in the current year, but the estimate of revenue for 1977 shows that the dividend now recommended should be at least maintained.

Briefly

RIO TINTO-ZINC Rio de Jamiero.—Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation has sold its 5 per cent share in the \$300m Trombetas bauxite mining project operating company to Brazil's state-owned Cia Vale do Rio Doce,

WEST OF ENGLAND TRUST
West of England Trust has
agreed to buy Ed Brand, a private
investment company, for about
£140,000 in 475,000 ordinary

MATHER & FLATT

Board proposes early repayment of 72 per cent debenture stock, 1987-92 and 102 per cent debenture stock, 1987-92 and 103 per cent debenture stock 1995-2000, on basis of £83 per £100 nominal 72 per cent stock and £91 per £100 nominal of 103 per cent stock Amounts outstanding: £1.7m of 72 per cent and £2m of 103 per cent.

Turnover for year to September 30 up from £17.49m to £19.4m. Loss (after all charges) cut from £75,900 to £15,000. No dividend

SCHLUMBERGER
The Scheme of Arrangement under Section 206 of the Companies Act, 1948, involving the acquisition by Schlumberger of the cordinary shares of Sangamo Weston, other than the 2,044,454 ordinary shares beneficially owned by Schlumberger or its subsidiary, has now been sanctioned by the High Court and became effective on February 11.

UPDOWN INVESTMENT
Profit (after tax) for 1976.
£65,000 (£58,000). Gross dividend raised from 2.07p to 2.38p.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 931.62 (937.92); transportation, 224.24 (226.97); utilities, 106.08 (107.17); 65 stocks, 306.10 (306.79).

New York Stock Exchange max. Fre-tax revenue of Tribune Investment Trust rose from 622,000 to 6736,000 in 1976. Total gross (59.59); transportation. 40.39 (40.79); utilities. 40.61 (40.86); financial, 55.65 (55.60).

ATTOCK PETROLEUM

Acquisition of North Sea Petroleums was approved by shareholders of Attock Petroleum at an extraordinary meeting on MATHER & PLATT

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ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS

UNOCHROME INTERNAT

British Heat Treatments (a subsidiary of Unochrome International) has bought Heat Treatment and Brazing from Oxy Metal Industries for £57,000.

LONDON TRUST London Trust and its subsidiary bought between them on February 8 last 332,500 ordinary shares in Robert Kitchen Taylor, making 550,000 shares (15.83 per cent). **SCHLUMBERGER**

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities COPPER: Wire bars lost 25.75 for cash and 28 for three monins. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £821-22 a metric ton: three monins. £241-80. Sales. 6.050 tons. Cash cathodes. £810.50-11.00: three months. £823-50-40.0. Sales. 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars. £823-25.50: three months. £822-52.50. Settlement, £823-50-50: three months. £825-52.50: three monins. £343.50-44.50. Settlement, £816.50. Sales, \$350 tons. SLIVER was stoody. Bullion market E816.50. Sales, 350 tons.

SILVER was steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot. 261.25p a troy ounce (Guited States cents equivalent, 417.3; three months. 259.55p (438.1c; six months, 278.30p (458.9c; one year, 295.50p (478.3c; lone year, 295.9c; lone year, 280.8c; lo lots. Standard Cash lost 255 and three months went back 250.—Afternoon.—
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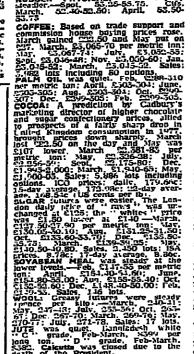
Settlement, 25,910. Sales, 420 tons

Bank Base Rates

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Foreign Exchange

Impasse reached

Growing trade union opposition to a continuation of the Government's anti-inflation wage restraint programme created the most uncertain conditions in stermost uncertain conditions in ster-ling for several weeks, triggering general selling in the currency in international exchange markets. The pound moved as low as \$1,7116. despite receiving Eank of England support for most of the morning session, before closing at \$1,7120, a loss of 40 points on the day.

day.

The "effective devaluation" rate is 43.0 per cent from 42.8 per cent overnight. Brussels reports suggesting a likely EEC devaluation of the green pound also unsettled sterling on the basis that this would intensify domestic inflation, dealers said. Most selling pressure on sterling slackened after mid-session. Gold lost 50 cents an ounce to close in London at \$135.125.

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Factors against the market included the repayment to the Bank of the extremely large loans taken on Thursday.

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The discount houses needed greater help than on Thursdry. An extra drain on marked liquidity yesterday was the application money for the popular Finance for Industry loan, though there were signs later in the session that the issue may have been less heavily oversubscribed than enticipeted because of the way the unions were rocking the pay deal boar. The Bank of England gave exceptionally large toams to eather or mine discount houses at MLR (12 per deal) for repayment of Monday. The Bank also brught a moderate amount of Treature bills directly from the houses and a small amount of local authority bills and "eligible" back bills. Rares stayed around 12 per

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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PARLIAMENT, February

Permit system pla for use of minibus by voluntary bodi

House of Commons Mr David Hont (Wirral, C) moved the second reading of the Passer-ger Vehicles (Educational and other purposes) Bill to provide for the use of minibuses by bodies concerned with education, with churches, with social welfare, or with other activities for the benefit of the community.

He said the effect of public service licensing law had unforeservice licensing law had inforeseen and inescapable consequences
for people making voluntary
effort in a worthwhile way. At
the end of 1975 concern had deteloned about where people using
miniouses for these purposes stood
in relation to the law.

The Bill was drawn up on the
basis of a broad definition of areas
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of activity eligible for considera-tion, and limited exemptions from

licensing to bodies which were grauped a permit.

Permitted uses would exclude carriage of the public at large and commercial operations. There would be flexibility and protection against abuse, and provision for standards to be laid down for vehicles, in the interests of safety.

There was a framework for a hicles, in the interests of safety.

There was a framework for a permit system covering 8-14 seat passenger vehicles. The permit would identify the vehicle and the body to which the permit had been issued. Exemption from PSV licensing would apply only so long as the minibus was being used by the body holding the permit and in accordance with conditions attached to the permit.

The Bill covered vehicles carrying 14 passengers. He hoped insurance companies would be able to grant insurance with a com-paratively low premium where safety standards were observed under regulations. The trade unions accepted the principle of voluntary organizations being able to run minibuses without in-appropriate restrictions.

Mr Arnold Shaw (Redbridge, liford, South, Lab) said if the Eill became law it would help those bodies who had been harshly affected; many of them wanted to have this type of vehicle or already

Existing uncertainties would be wiped away by the Bill and this would be of great help particularly to clubs, such as those for the elderly.

Nr Norman Miscampbell (Black-pool, North, C) said the Bill-would be of great benefit to his constituency. It would be difficult to think of a town with more organizations wishing to run this type of community service vehicle.

Mrs Winifred Ewing (Moray and Nairu, Scot Nat) said minibuses were the norm for school children in an area where in winter there was much show. Without pro-tection for the minibus many things would come to a total stop. falling on publ requiring only a the voluntary bo

Mr John Horam, Under Secretary for Transport (Gateshead, West, Lab) said the Government were Mr Norman For seriously concerned at the prob-lems facing voluntary bodies and schools in this regard.

The Government were tacking current problems over bus licensing pragmatically with the intension of seeing what bappened on the ground with modified licensing arrangements in experimental areas before deciding how to proceed for the country as a whole.

To facilitate his they had me. To facilitate this, they had prepared a short Experimental Areas Bill, introduced in the Lords last week, which would have its second The Bill was eading there on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the voluntary body as buses was separate could and should

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Extinguishing rentch: within sixty years

Mr Alfred Evans (Caerphilly, Lab)
moved the second reading of the
Rentcharges Bill, which prohibits
the creation of ordinary rentcharges and extinguishes existing
charges within 60 years from the
passing of the Bill or the creation
of the charge.

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Mr Hugh Rossi,
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Alfred Evans (Caerphilly, Lab)
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as a periodic payment, charged on land, which is neither rent under a tenancy nor an interest payment. ment. He said there was no argument

He said there was no argument about the need to get rid of these anachronisms. They should be replaced by the system like that outlined by the Law Commission whose thinking had dominated his approach in the Bill.

More and more people wished to own their own homes and were angered, frustrated and bewildered when, though their property was freehold in one sense, it was not in another because it carried this unfair charge.

Sometimes developers created new charges which became an additional bonus on a house sale and this was reprehensible. In some parts of the country the charges were known as "the builder's pension fund".

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Mr Andrew Bennett (Stockport, North, Lab) said he hoped they "The Bill was read

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Bill to raise age limits for use of firearms

The object of the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No 2) Bill was to protect people and animals from the irresponsible use of firearms by young people by raising the age limits currently in force for the issue and use of firearms, particularly air rifles, Mr Roderick MacFarquhar (Belper, Lab) said when be moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said that in his youth he had been hit on his cheek by an air pellet, and four weeks ago, a young girl weat into a coma after being hit in the head by a pellet, and was only just beginning to recover.

using air guns deliberately to infil immediately buy cr were much more let Mr Peter Hardy (Lab) said he was inclusive to secretary, Home O Lab), said the nun able offences recipolice in which air reported used hat steadily in recent ye An air rifle or above all a teena Most offences invo of such weapons at

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He quoted an advertisement in

a shooting magazine for a power-ful 0.22 rifle which was described as "mean, menacing and magnifi-cent". Yet no licence was required for such a gun.

The Bill would make it an offence for a youngster under 18 to purchase, or hire, any firearm or amenuition, or to possess any firearm or amenuition except in special circumstances. In would

in special circumstances. It would be an offence for anyone under 18 to possess a shot gun or air weapon in a public place.

He had intended that the Bill should increase existing controls over the use of crossbows, but he had been assured that these did not often fall into the hands of young people, although there of young people, although there the available evider that crossbows were in special circumstances. It would he had been assured that these did not often fall into the hands of young people, although there was a recent case of an Alsatian surviving four days with a bolt it its skull.

Mr Frederick Burden (Gillingham, C) said it extraordinary that the Home Office should be reluctant to include the crossbow, which had been used as a weapon of war. It was likely that boys now

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reject it. The Bill was re: House adjourned

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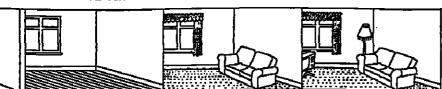
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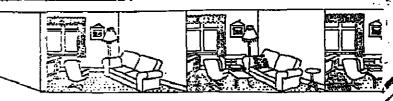
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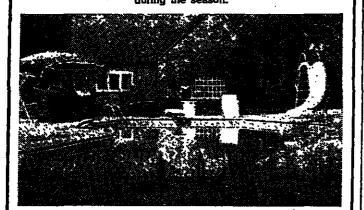
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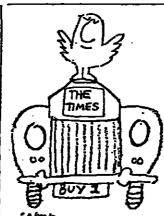
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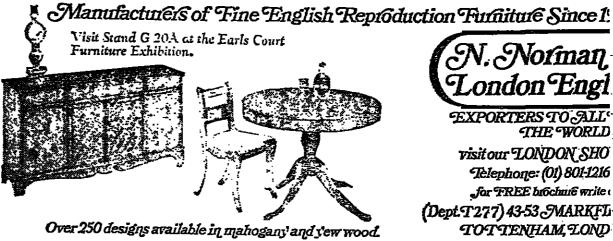
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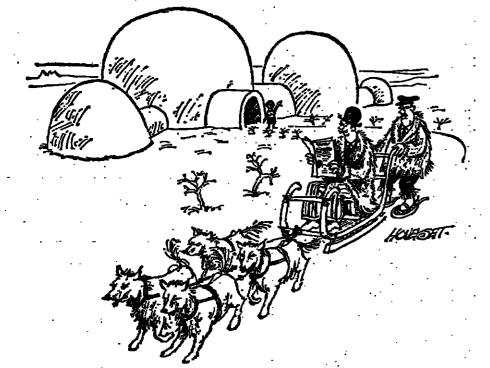
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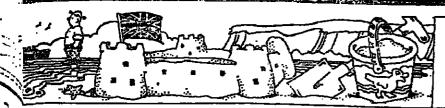
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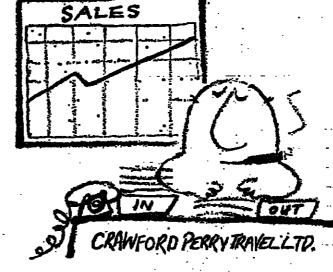
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